

Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

WHAT WAS IN THE NEST?

I will tell you a story of two little girls named Nellie and Katie, who lived away out in the country. They lived with their mother and father in a little house among the trees, where they could hear the birds sing, and watch all the pretty wild flowers blossom through the spring and summer. In the autumn they would pick the fruit and watch for Jack Frost to open the chestnut burrs and let the nuts drop to the ground for the little boys and girls or the squirrels. But what I want to tell you about is something the girls saw one morning in June.

Two little birds had come from down South and built a nest in a cherry tree in front of the house. Now, the room where Nellie and Katie slept had a window that looked right out upon the branches of this cherry tree; and how the girls did enjoy watching the birds! The mother bird sat on the nest day after day. One morning she flew away for a few moments, and what do you suppose the little girls saw? They saw one, two, three, four pretty blue eggs in the nest.

The mother bird flew back to the nest and sat there day after day for two long weeks. One day she flew from the nest. She sat in the tree and sang and sang. The father bird sang, too. The little girls looked in the nest. Can you guess what they saw? They saw four funny little baby birds without any feathers!

The little birds grew and grew until by and by they were covered with feathers and they were so large that there was hardly room for them all in the nest. When it was time to teach them to fly, the mother bird said, "Fly, fly!"; the father bird, too, said, "Fly, fly!" The girls watched the four little birds learn to fly. They flew from the nest; soon they flew from tree to tree. One day all the birds flew far away and the little girls waved their hands and said, "Good-bye, good-bye!"

—*Boston Collection of Kindergarten Stories.*

Discuss.



Lesson 15



Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.

Read.



Lesson 15



Read this silently and then out loud.

Mother bird sat on the nest.
She sat there day after day.
One day she flew from the nest.
She sat in the tree.
She sang and sang.
Father bird sang, too.
The girls looked in the nest.
Can you guess what they saw?

Write.



Lesson 15



Copy the passage.

What was in the nest?

Can you guess?

The girls saw eggs in the nest.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are five sets of these lines provided for writing.

Write.



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Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.


