

# A Nest Is Noisy

## A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

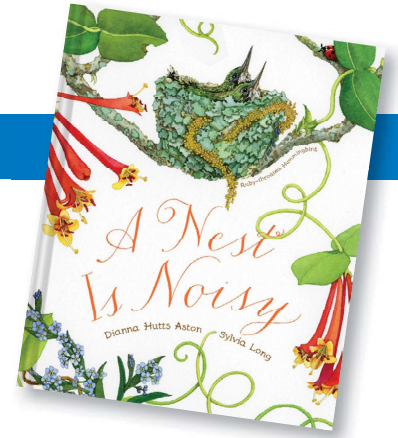
**Themes:** Ecology, Environment, Animals

**Book Brief:** What causes all the noise in nests? It's not always birds! This book offers a look into the first habitats of many animals and the qualities that make these habitats unique to each species.

**Author:** Dianna Hutts Aston

**Illustrator:**  
Sylvia Long

**Content Connections:**  
Science, Math



## TIME TO READ!



### BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

**The Cover:** When you hear the word nest, what comes to mind? What about the word noisy? Why do you think the author chose that word to describe a nest? What do you think the nest on the cover is made of?

**The Pictures:** Flip briefly through the pages. As you flip, point out other animals in the pictures that you will read about that also build nests.

**Prior Knowledge:** Why are nests important? What purpose do they serve? Have you ever seen a nest in real life? Ask students to describe nests they have seen in person or in pictures. What were the nests made of? What kind of animals lived in them?

**Vocabulary:** cradle, refuge, adobe, saliva

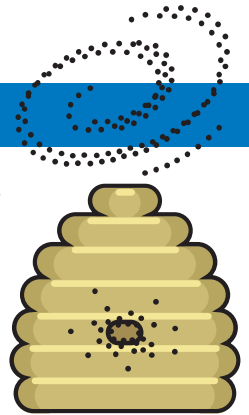
**Purpose for Reading:** It's important to ask questions when reading. The questions you ask may be answered in the text or may need some outside research to find the answers. Today, while I model questions I would ask the author, I want you to think about other questions you would ask.

## WHILE WE READ

### MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ How long does it take a typical bird to build a nest?
- ◆ What are some nest building methods used to protect eggs or baby animals?
- ◆ Does a nest have to be made of sticks and twigs? Explain.

- ◆ What other mammal lays eggs?
- ◆ How long does a living nest last?
- ◆ Where is bird nest soup popular? Would you eat it?
- ◆ When is a nest quiet?



## LET'S THINK ABOUT

**Our Purpose:** What questions would you like to ask the author? How many of the questions that we asked while reading could be answered in the text? What can we do to find the answers to the questions that weren't answered in the book?

**Extending Our Thinking:** Can you think of other animals not mentioned in the book that might build nests? What factors do you think are most important when building a nest? How do you think certain animals gain knowledge about nest building? Is it a natural instinct or a learned behavior? Explain your answer. What do humans do instead of building nests? How do we protect our young?

### NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.



Reading Is Fundamental