

# A Special Nest



Winter is approaching.  
A bird decides to build  
a nest.



She gathers little twigs  
and builds her nest  
carefully.





After a lot of care and hard work, the nest is ready. It is warm and cosy.





The bird is happy. She lies down and begins day-dreaming of a comfortable winter.





As she is about to fall asleep, she feels something shaking.





The bird thinks,  
“Maybe the wind is  
shaking the nest a  
little.”

But the nest shakes  
and trembles and  
shakes some more.





The bird flies out of the nest. The next moment, the nest falls to the ground.





The bird sees an elephant using the tree to scratch her back. She is quite annoyed.

“This is so rude of you, elephant!” she says to her angrily, and flies away.





She begins to search  
for a new place. A  
place where elephants  
can't reach her.





She starts building a new nest.





With care and hard work, she builds a home. Tired, she falls asleep.





Just as she is about to close her eyes, she sees two big, round eyes. They are staring at her.





It's a painter.  
He takes her nest and throws it away.  
Then he picks up a brush and  
starts painting the wall.





The bird is very annoyed. "This is so rude of you, human!" she says to him angrily and flies away.

Her heart is heavy with worry.





As she flies, she sees a balloon floating in the air.





And another!





She looks below and  
sees lots and lots of  
balloons!





The bird looks at the balloons and has an idea.





With care and hard work, she builds a new nest.

This time, nobody can disturb her.

### Questions

1. What was your favourite part of the story?
2. Can you describe the main character?
3. Can you draw your favorite character from the story? What colors did you use?

The End.





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**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below.**

### **Avani and the Pea Plant**

One day, Avani was sitting at the kitchen table, watching her mother cook. Amma got the cooker ready.

"Avani, please give me the peas, " Amma said.

Avani took a bowl of dried peas from the kitchen table and gave it to Amma.

One pea fell out of the bowl. Avani and Amma did not see it!

The pea bounced on the table, onto the floor and rolled under the table.

Chikki, the cat found it. She pushed it. She pawed at it. She tried to lick it.

The pea rolled to the kitchen door. Chikki pushed it

again. It rolled out into the garden.

A mynah saw the pea. She pecked at it with her beak.

But it was too hard. She pecked at it again. With a jump,

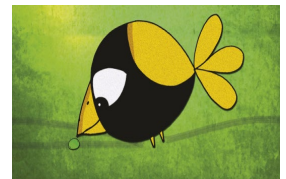
the pea landed on the **soil**, near a tomato plant. An

earthworm popped out of the ground. It looked at the pea

but did not find it interesting. It popped back into the

ground. Now there was a hole in the ground! The pea slipped into the hole

and got covered by loose mud. It rested in the cool, dark mud.



The days passed. The **rain** came. The pea got wet. It swelled, and it **swelled**

a little more. It grew a tail... The **crown shot out** of the ground and tried to

reach for the **sun**. It grew taller... and

taller... and taller!

Avani saw it when she was playing in

the garden. "Amma! Look here!" she said.



"A pea plant!" said Amma. Both of them looked at the pea plant.

They were sure. "Did you plant it?" Amma asked Avani.



"Then, who did it?" they **wondered**. "Who planted it?" You and I know, don't we?

**Glossary:** (1) wondered- asked questions about something, thought about something (2) shot out - came out  
(3) crown- head part of a plant; (4) swelled - grew in a large, round size

1. a. Was Amma planning to cook something with peas?

Ans. Yes      No

1 b. Which line from the passage tells you that?

Ans. ....  
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2. List any three things that helped the pea plant to grow.

Ans. ....

3. How would you describe Avani in the story?

Ans. a) angry ..... (b) helpful, playful, obedient .....

4. What shocked Amma and Avani? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

Ans. a. A pea plant ..... (b) A tea plant .....

5. Why should we plant trees?

Ans. ....  
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6. **Replace the underlined words with their synonyms.**

The snail **went off** into the ground.

Ans. The snail ..... into the ground.

7. did you plant it? amma asked avani (Punctuate the following)

Ans. ....  
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8. List any three animals/birds used in the passage above.

Ans. ....  
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