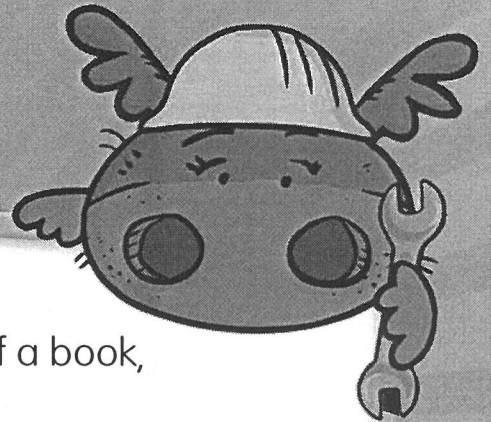


Listen and Learn

# Main Topic



The **main topic** is what a book, or part of a book, is all about.

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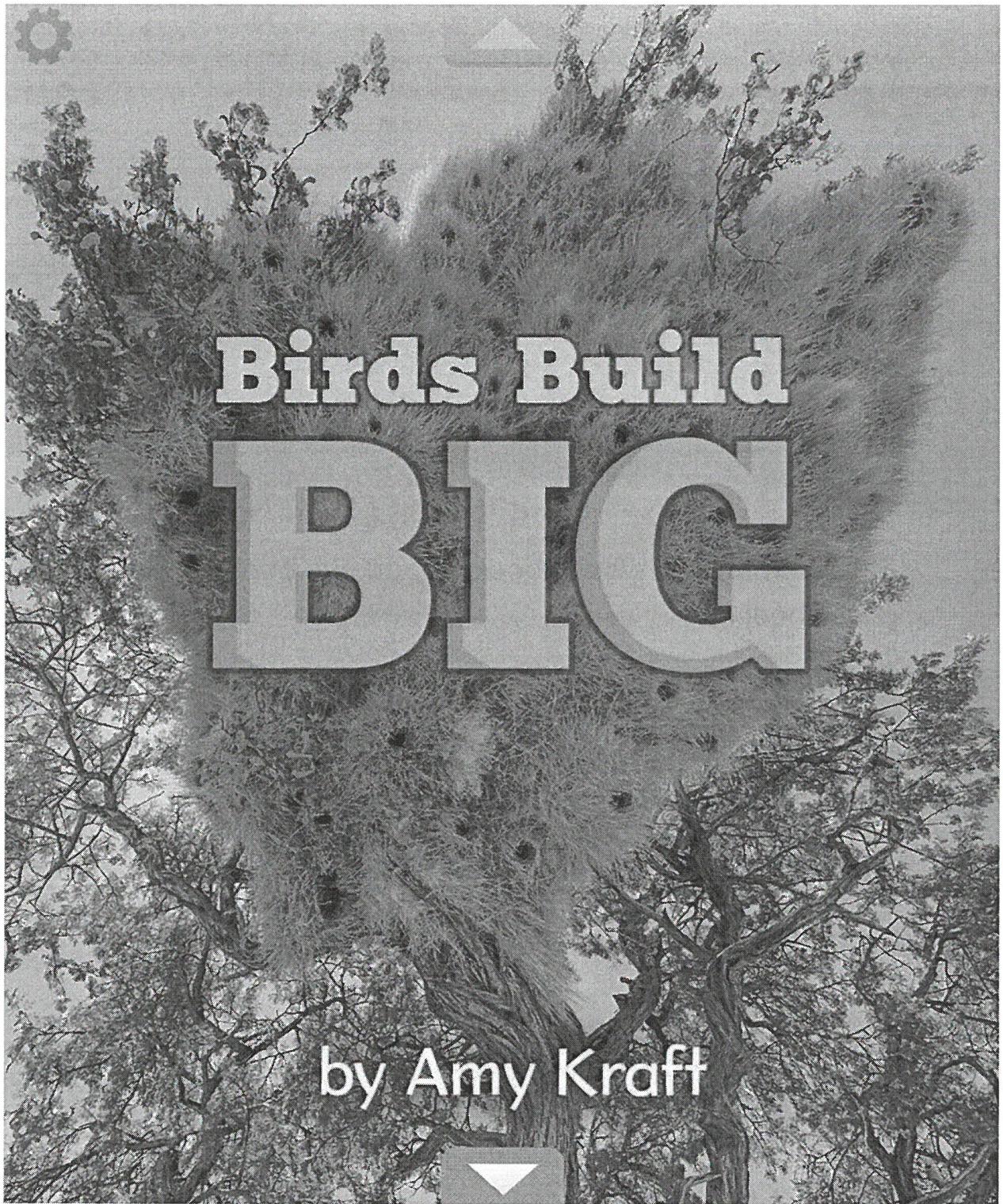
- What is this book all about?
- What are the key details?

The main topic is what the key details are all about.

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Have you ever  
been in an  
apartment building?  
It is a big building  
with many small  
homes inside it.



apartment building

Some birds  
make nests this  
way, too. They are  
called weaver birds.



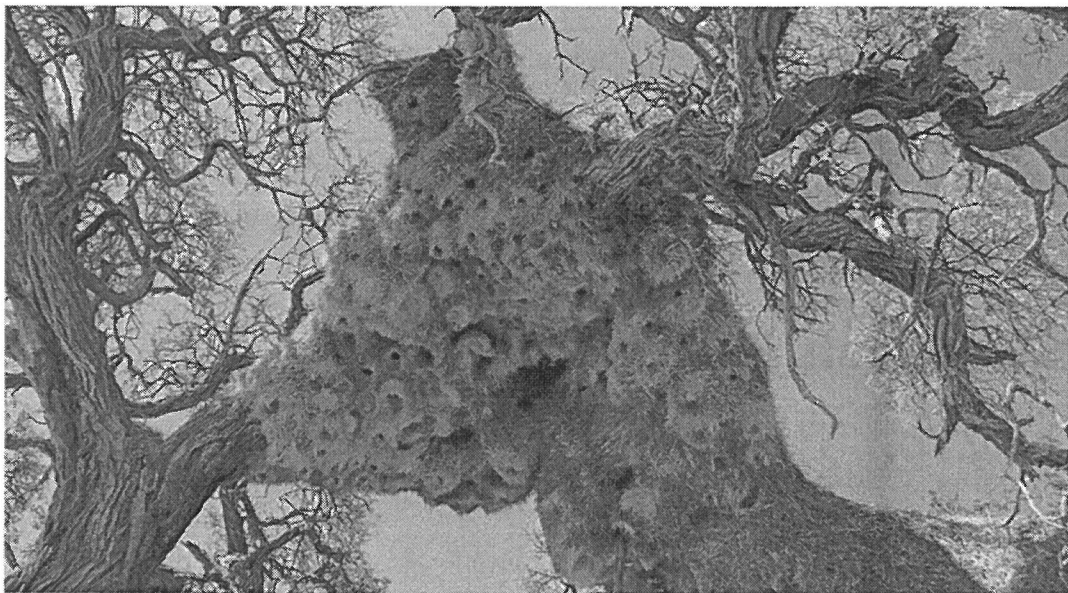
weaver bird nest





Weaver birds live in the desert in Africa. These little birds build BIG nests. More than 400 birds might live in one nest!

Each bird family has its own room. The birds make tunnels to connect the rooms. The nest is like an apartment building.



This nest has many small rooms inside it.







Weaver birds work together. They use straw to make a nest. The birds stuff straw into the sides and bottom of the nest. This makes the nest bigger.

The birds work on a nest for years. One nest might be as big as your classroom!

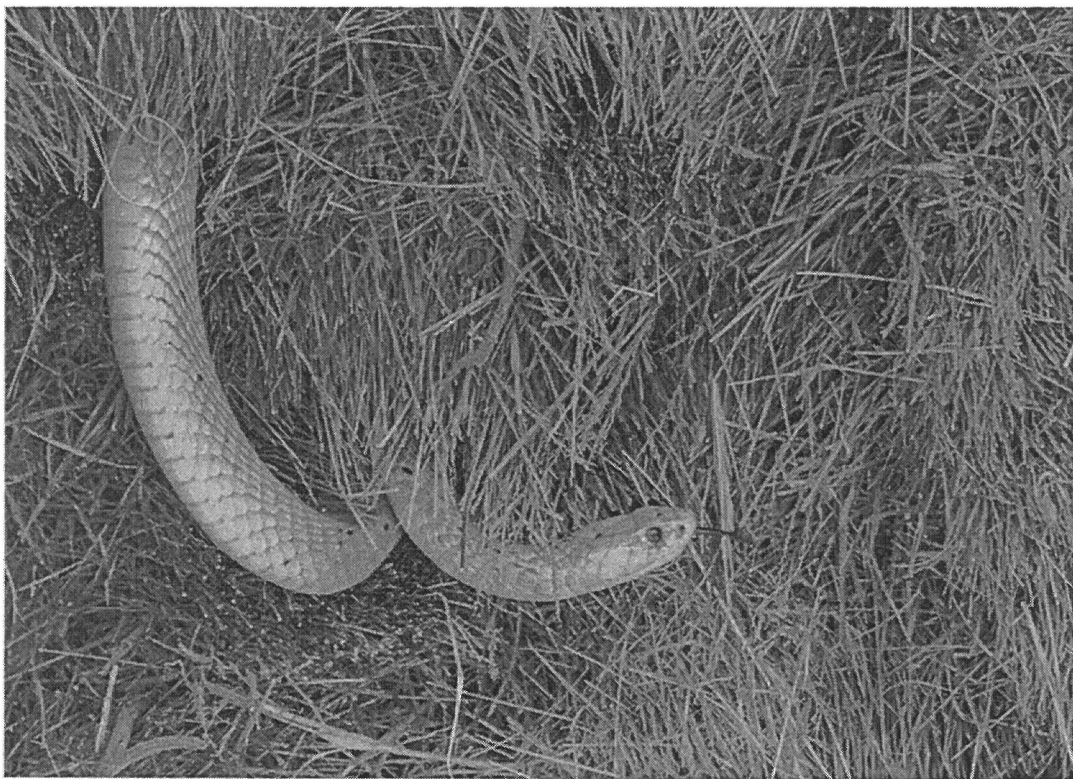


Many weaver birds work together on a nest.





A big nest protects weaver birds and their eggs. Snakes and hawks want to eat the eggs. The sharp, spiky straw in the big nest keeps them away.



The spiky straw keeps the snake out.

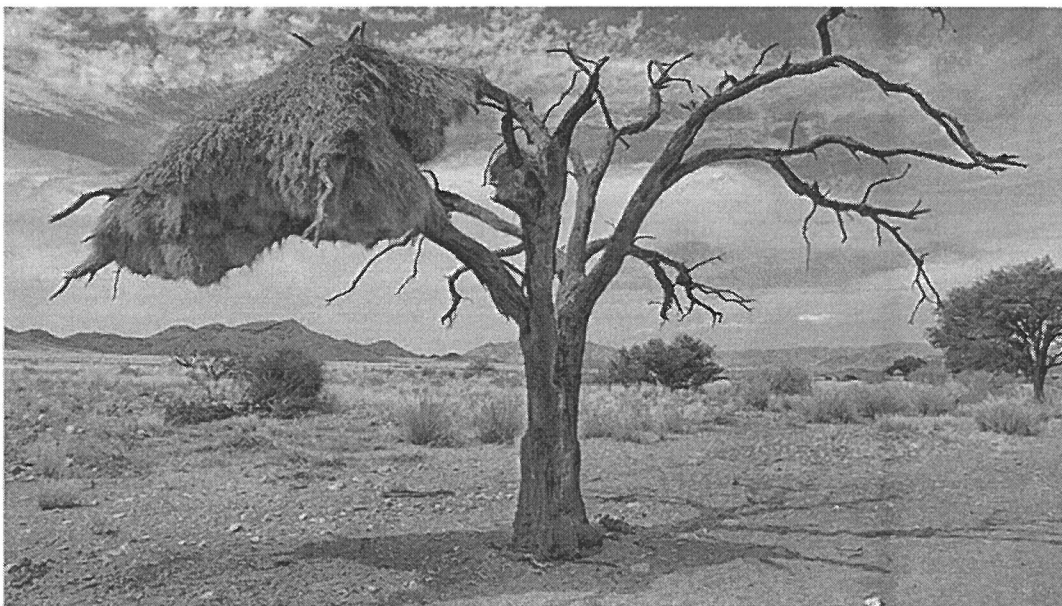






The big nest makes shade that keeps the birds cool. Feathers and grass in each room keep the birds warm. Rain runs off the slanted roof. The birds stay dry.

Weaver birds know how to work and live together. They know how to build big.



A big nest protects weaver birds.



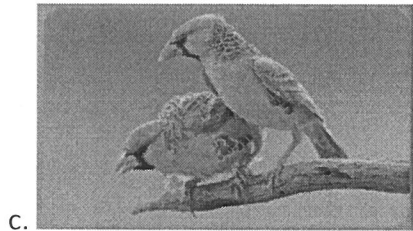
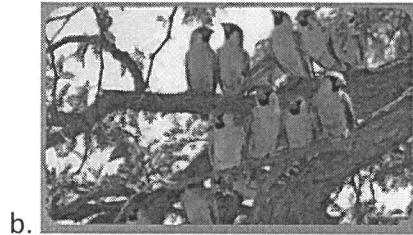
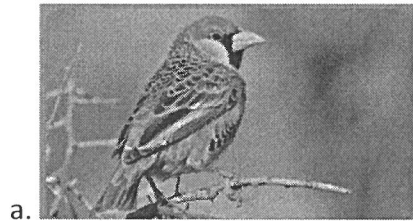
**Question 1** (for p. 1 of passage)

What are inside both a weaver bird nest and an apartment building?

- a. many people
- b. weaver birds
- c. small homes

**Question 2** (for p. 2 of passage)

How many birds live in a weaver bird nest?



**Question 3** (for p. 3 of passage)

How do weaver birds build their nest?

- a. Weaver birds work alone.
- b. Weaver birds work together.
- c. Weaver birds work in classrooms.

**Question 4** (for p. 4 of passage)

What makes the nest a safe place for weaver birds?



- a. The nest is made with sharp, spiky straw.
- b. The nest has many eggs inside it.
- c. The nest is home for hundreds of birds.

**Question 5** (for p. 5 of passage)

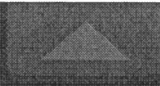
How does the nest keep weaver birds dry?

- a. The nest makes shade.
- b. The nest has feathers.
- c. The nest has a roof.

**Question 6** (for p. 5 of passage)

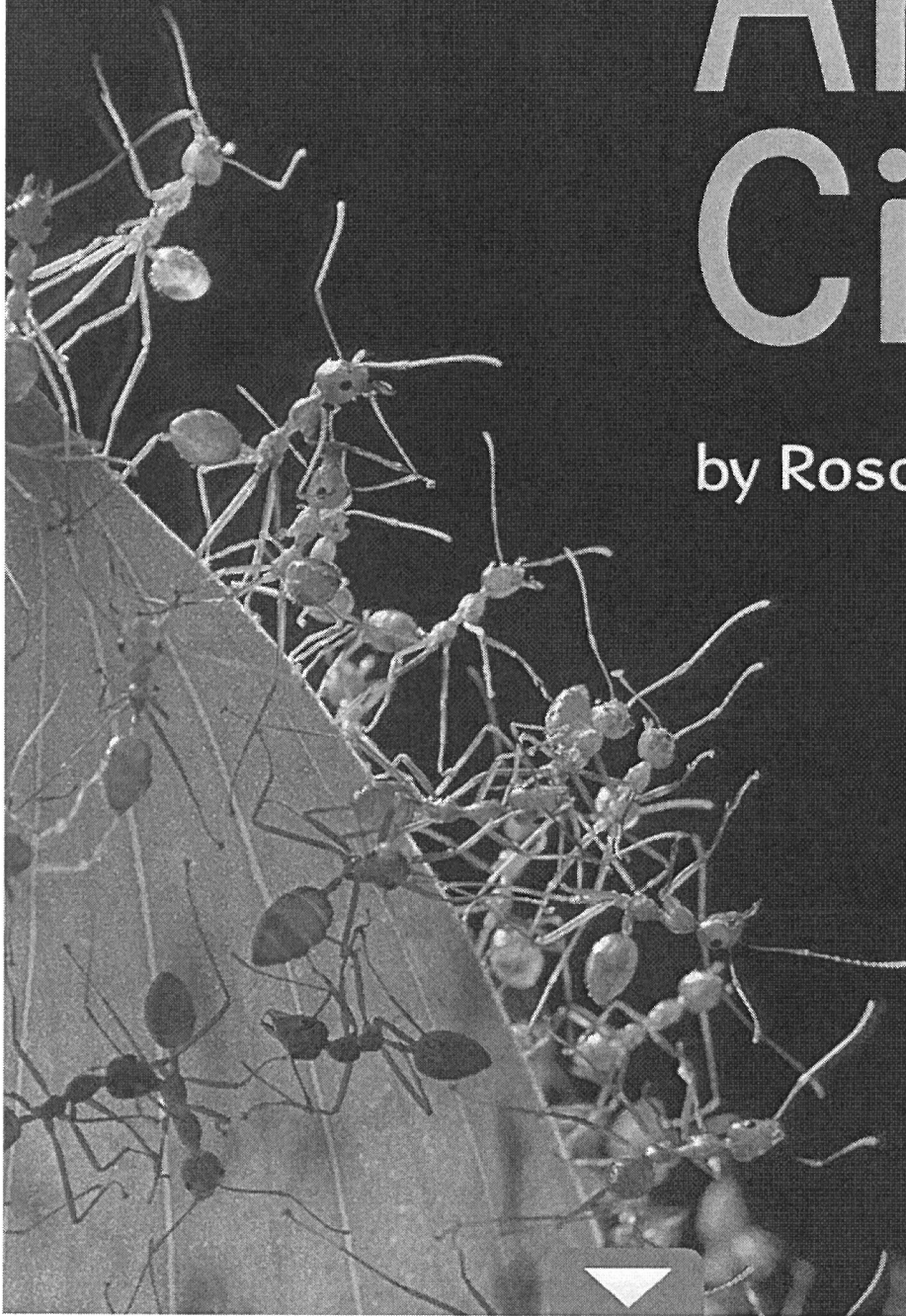
What is the whole text mostly about?

- a. Weaver birds learn to live in the desert.
- b. Weaver birds like living in apartments.
- c. Weaver birds build and live in big nests.



# Ant City

by Roscoe Harvey







Would you look down or up to find a city of ants? In the rainforest, look up. An ant city might be in the trees!

Weaver ants build nests in trees. A nest can be as big as a soccer ball. An ant city might have 100 nests. A half million tiny weaver ants might live there.



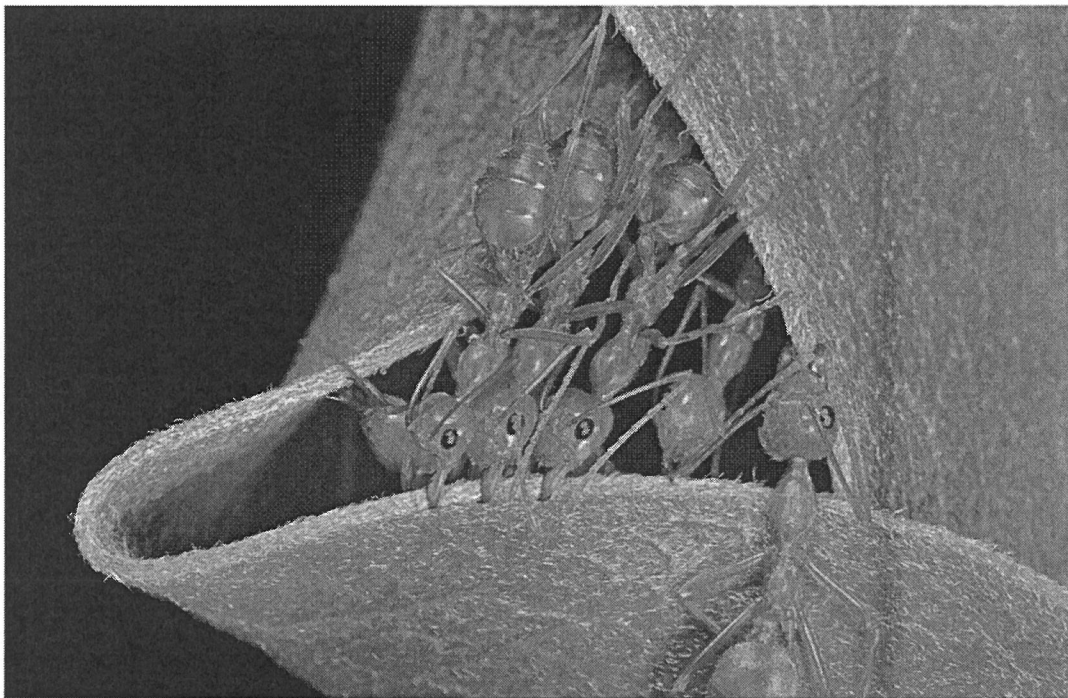
There are two weaver ant nests in this tree.





Weaver ants work in teams to build nests. The worker ants pull leaves together.

They use their mouths and legs. The ants are strong.



A team of ants works together.

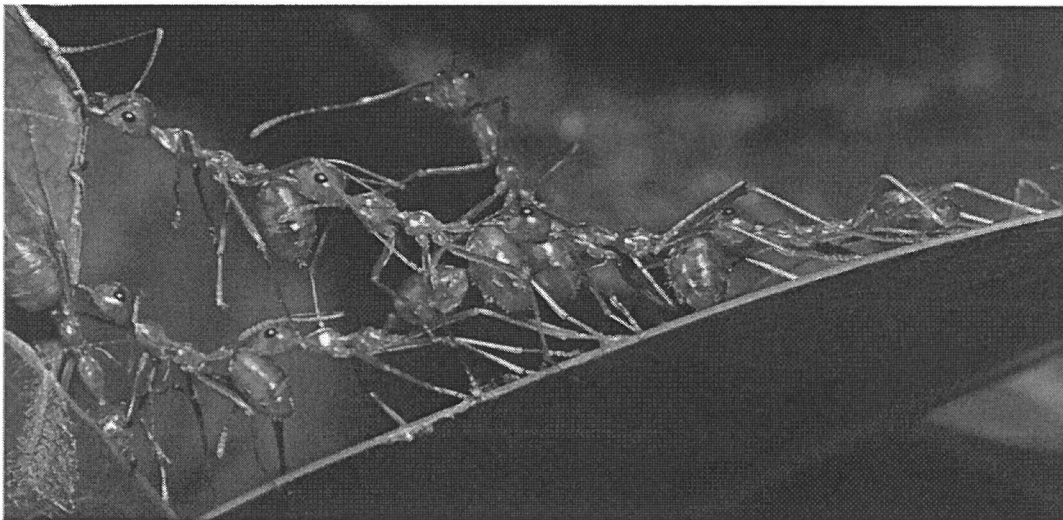






If a leaf is too far away, the ants crawl over each other. Each ant grabs the middle of another ant. They hold each other up. It is an ant chain!

More ants go across the chain to get to the next leaf. Then the ants pull the two leaves together.



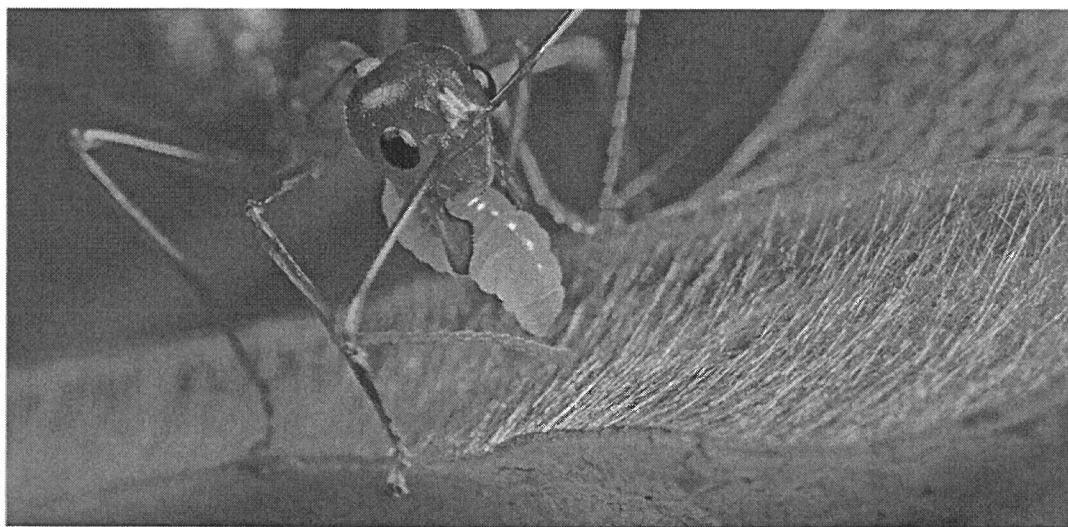
The ants are making an ant chain.





Now the worker ants wait. They need help. Soon other ants come. They bring worms that have hatched from ant eggs.

Each ant taps and squeezes its worm. The worm makes sticky spit. The spit is like glue. It sticks the leaves together. Leaves and spit make a good nest.



An ant squeezes a worm.





Each nest is part of a whole city of ants.  
The ants build an ant city in the trees.



Weaver ants work together.





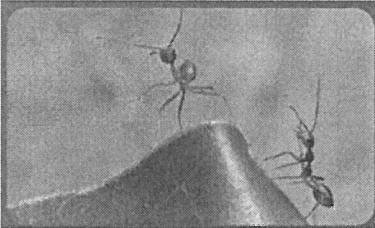
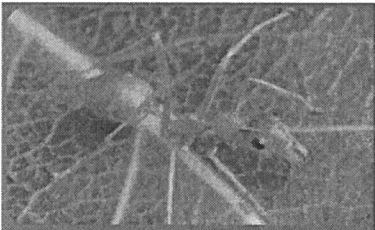
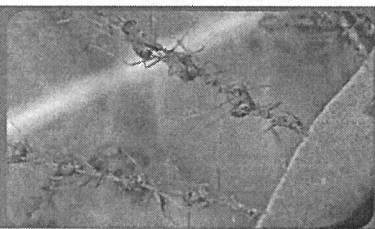
**Question 1** (from p. 1 of passage)

Where do weaver ants build their nests?

- a. in the city
- b. in trees
- c. on the ground

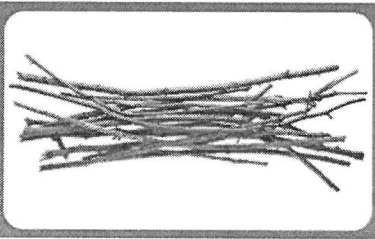
**Question 2** (from p. 2 of passage)

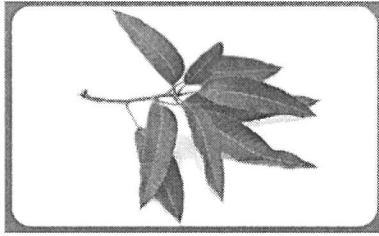
Which picture shows how many weaver ants work on a nest?

- a. A black and white photograph showing two ants on a small, conical mound of soil. One ant is on the peak, and the other is on the side.
- b. A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a nest structure made of twigs and soil. Several ants are visible working on the structure.
- c. A black and white photograph showing a large number of ants working on a nest structure made of twigs and soil. The ants are spread out across the structure, and some are carrying material.

**Question 3** (from p. 2 of passage)

What do weaver ants need to make their nests?

- a. A black and white photograph showing a bundle of dry sticks or twigs, which are the primary material weaver ants use to build their nests.



b.



c.

**Question 4** (from p. 3 of passage)

Why do ants build an ant chain?

- a. so they can get stronger
- b. so they can reach leaves
- c. so they can climb a tree

**Question 5** (from p. 4 of passage)

What do the ants get from the hatched eggs?

- a. birds
- b. worms
- c. leaves

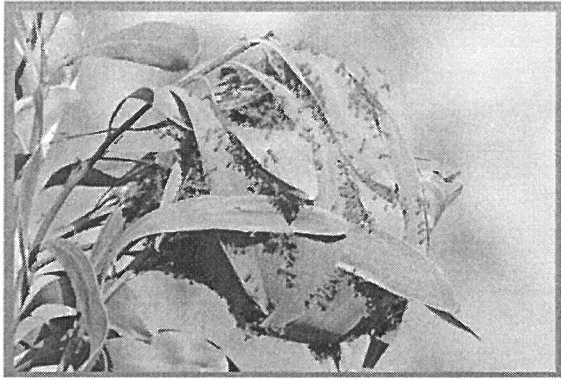
**Question 6** (from p. 4 of passage)

What do the ants do with the worm spit?

- a. The ants clean the eggs with worm spit.
- b. The ants stick leaves together with worm spit.
- c. The ants build an ant chain with worm spit.

**Question 7** (from p. 5 of passage)

Look at the photo. What does it show?



- a. an egg
- b. a nest
- c. a city

**Question 8** (from p. 5 of passage)

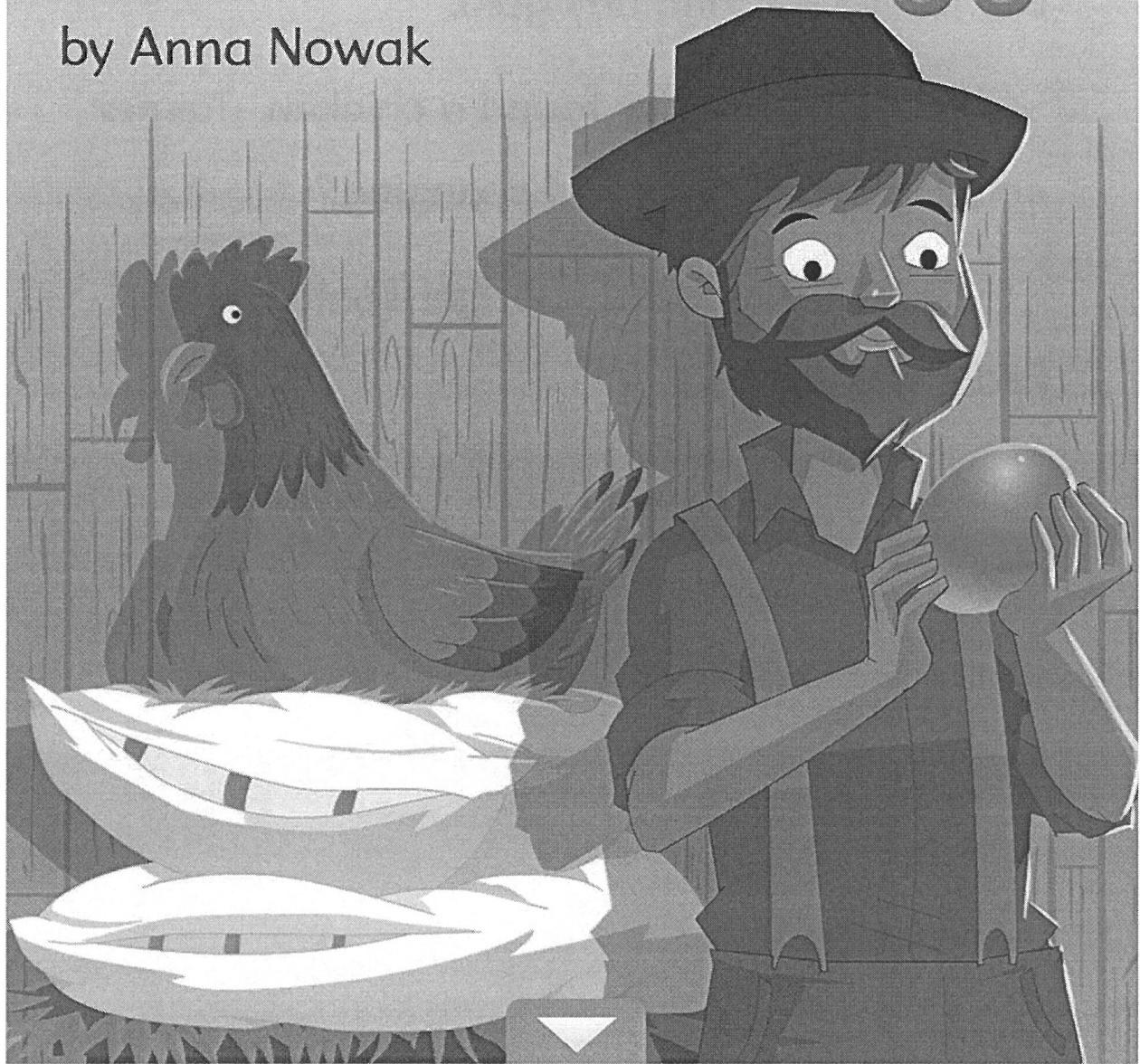
What is this text mostly about?

- a. Weaver ants are strong ants in the rainforest.
- b. Weaver ants protect the eggs in their nest.
- c. Weaver ants work as a team to build their nests.



# The Chicken That Laid the Golden Eggs

by Anna Nowak





Jasper was a gold miner. He went to Alaska to dig for gold. Jasper dug and dug. But he did not find any gold.

One day, Jasper found a chicken. Jasper said, "Maybe my luck is changing."

Jasper's luck did change! That chicken laid a golden egg!





“Gold! I found gold!” Jasper bragged.  
The other miners got mad. They had not  
found any gold.

The next day, Jasper’s chicken laid  
another golden egg. Jasper went to brag  
again. But the other miners did not listen.  
They had found a lot of gold.







Jasper was jealous. And he was greedy.  
He wanted more gold. Jasper yelled at the  
chicken. “I want ALL your golden eggs now!”

The next day, the chicken laid a new egg.  
This egg **BROKE** when Jasper grabbed it.

“This is not a golden egg! Where is my  
golden egg?” Jasper yelled.





Jasper tried being kind. He fed the chicken the fattest worms. He let it sleep in his bed.

But it was too late. The chicken laid an egg each day. But it did not lay any more golden eggs.







Jasper got tired of eating eggs. The eggs piled up. They got rotten and smelly. Jasper shouted at the chicken, “You must have more golden eggs! Lay them for me.”

The chicken squawked and flapped away. “Fine!” Jasper said. Then he went to sleep.







Jasper was hungry when he woke up. He looked for the chicken. He wanted an egg.

But the chicken had gone away. Now Jasper had no new eggs of any kind.

So he traded his two golden eggs for a ham sandwich and a train ticket out of Alaska.





**Draw or write.**

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