

How to Build a Bird Feeder

Name: _____

Read the passage. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

You will need: a clean plastic bottle with a lid, two wooden spoons, string, and birdseed. Ask an adult before you start, because this project needs scissors.

First, cut two small holes on opposite sides of the bottle, near the bottom. Push a wooden spoon through so the bowl of the spoon sticks out one side. This is the perch, and the seed will spill into it.

Next, cut two more holes higher up and turn them a quarter of the way around the bottle. Push the second spoon through the same way.

Then fill the bottle with birdseed and screw the lid on tightly. Finally, tie the string around the neck of the bottle and hang it from a branch where you can see it from a window. Wait. Birds are careful, and it may take a few days.

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1. List the five things you need.

2. Why is the first spoon pushed through near the bottom?

3. Which order words does the writer use to keep the steps clear?

4. Why does the writer say to wait?

How to Build a Bird Feeder — Answer Key

1. A clean plastic bottle with a lid, two wooden spoons, string, birdseed — and an adult's permission, because of the scissors. (*Recall*)
2. So the seed spills into the bowl of the spoon and the birds have a perch to stand on. (*Cause and effect*)
3. First, next, then, finally. (*Text structure*)
4. Birds are careful, so they may take a few days to find and trust a new feeder. (*Inference*)