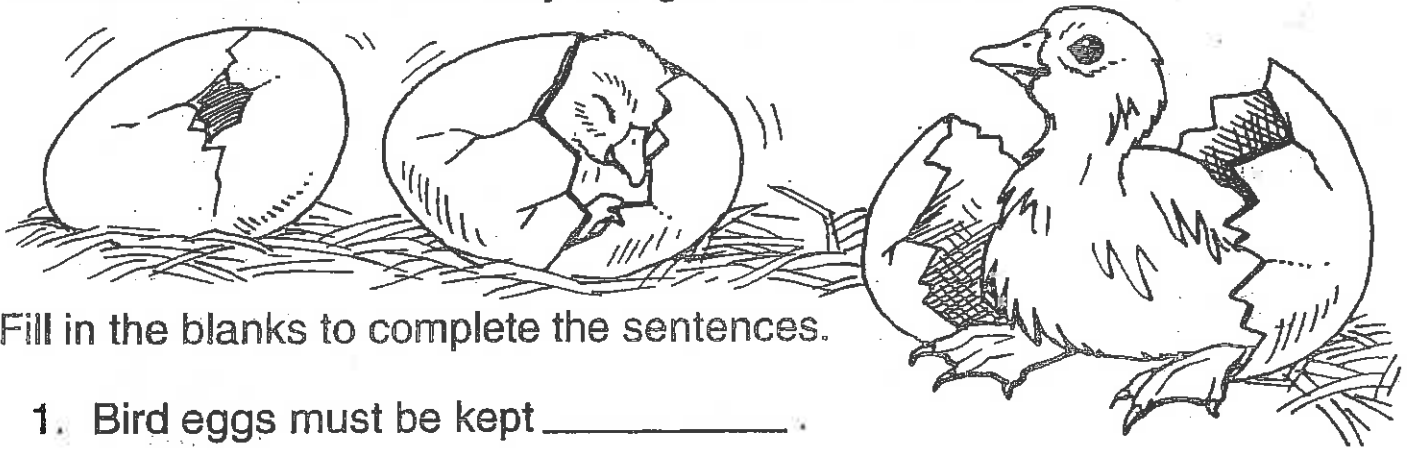


## Birds Hatch From Eggs

Birds lay eggs. The eggs must be kept warm. Usually the mother bird sits on the eggs, but some bird parents, such as doves, take turns keeping the eggs **warm**. Some father birds keep the eggs warm without help from the mothers. The emperor penguin father holds the penguin egg between his **feet** and keeps it warm with his body.

Inside the egg the baby bird has everything it **needs** to form and grow. The shell **protects** it. The baby bird gets big and grows a sharp tooth on its beak called an **egg tooth**. When the baby bird is ready to hatch, it uses its egg tooth to break the shell. The egg tooth falls out after the bird hatches. Some birds, such as ducklings, can **walk, swim**, and find their own food right after they hatch. Other birds, such as robins, hatch without feathers and are blind and weak. They need their **parents** to take care of them until they can get food on their own.



Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1. Bird eggs must be kept \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The emperor penguin father holds the egg between his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Inside the egg the baby bird has everything it \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The shell \_\_\_\_\_ the baby bird.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ helps the baby bird break the shell.
6. A duckling can \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and find its own food.
7. Some birds need their \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of them.

**Brainwork!** Use the back of this paper to list three kinds of birds.

Answers: 1) warm 2) feet 3) needs 4) protects 5) egg tooth 6) walk, swim 7) parents

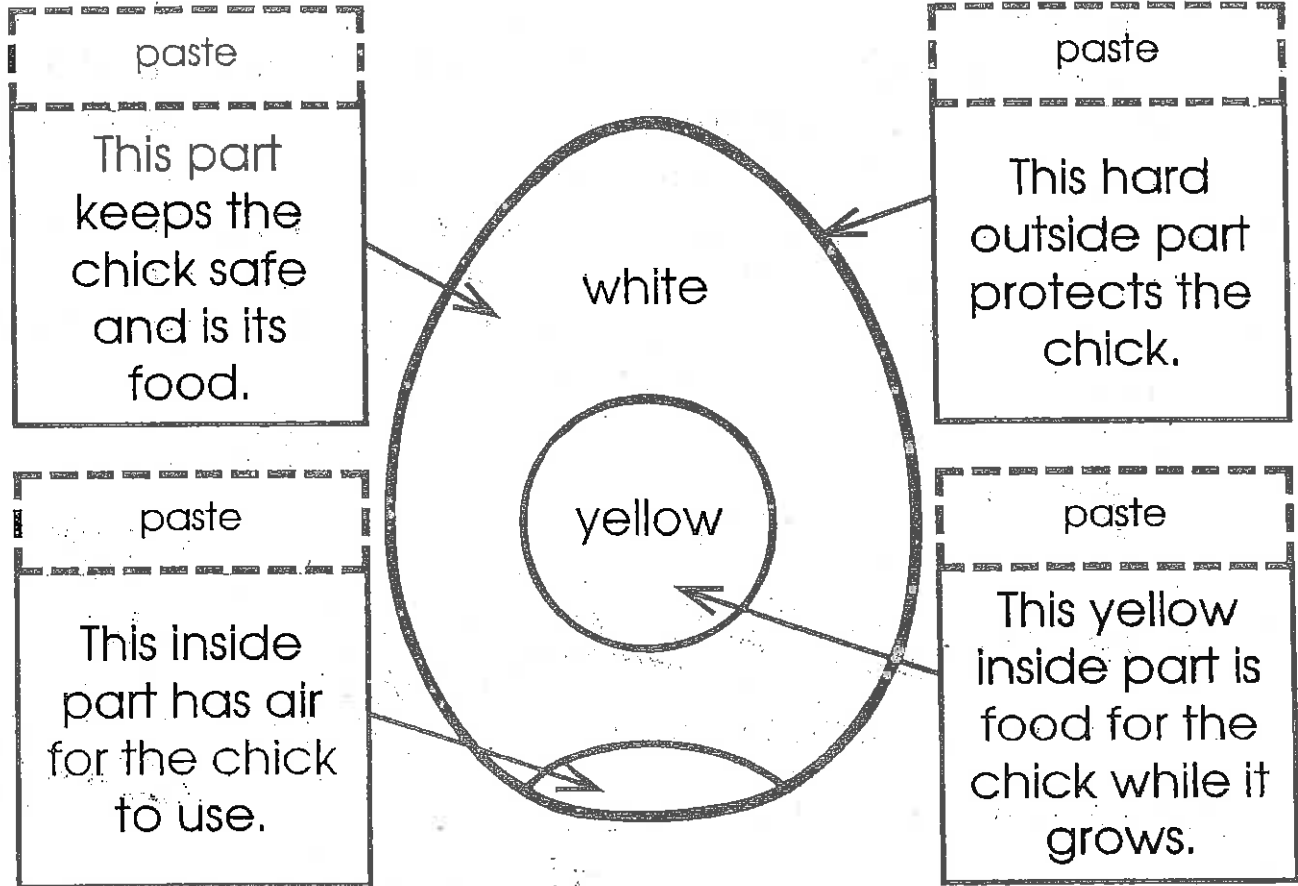
# Inside a Chicken's Egg

An egg has many parts. Each part helps the chick grow.

Color the egg. Cut out the word cards.

Fold the word cards on the dotted lines.

Glue them in the correct places.



white	yolk	air space	shell
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Teacher: *A Chick Hatches* by Joanna Cole (Wm. Morrow, 1976) is a good resource. Photographs of a developing chick are accompanied by informative text.