

Think about the colors of birds you have seen.

Odd Baby Birds

Waxwings are small songbirds. They have pale yellow bellies and yellow tips on their tail feathers. Some young waxwings are odd because they look different from their parents. Those young birds have tail feathers with orange tips. Scientists have discovered why. The answer has to do with food.

Waxwings mostly eat berries. One kind of honeysuckle plant grows in some places. The plant's berries grow for just a short time. The berries have a strong red color. Some waxwings feed a lot of those red berries to their babies. Their babies might be growing tail feathers at that time. If they are, the red color settles in their tail feathers. Instead of having yellow tips like their parents, their feathers are tipped in orange.

Tell a partner about the strangest bird you have ever seen.

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. To have orange-tipped feathers, baby waxwings must _____.

- A have parents that look that way
- B eat one kind of red berry
- C eat a lot of orange plants
- D get red berries on their tails

2. Which one is true about most adult waxwings?

- A They eat only red berries.
- B Their tail feathers have orange tips.
- C They mostly eat yellow bugs.
- D Their tail feathers have yellow tips.

3. Which question does the passage answer?

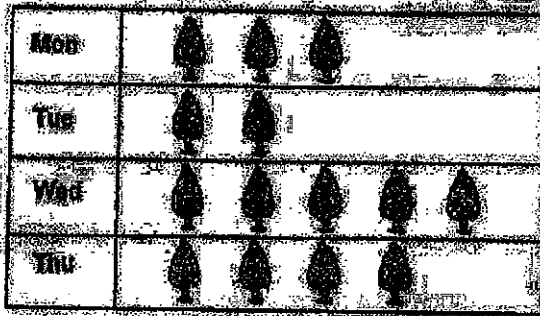
- A Why do waxwings feed their babies red berries?
- B Why do some young waxwings look different from their parents?
- C Why do plants have berries?
- D Why do birds have tail feathers?

4. Based on what you read, what happens when red and yellow are mixed?

- A They make orange.
- B They make a bright yellow.
- C They make a dark red.
- D They make blue.

Pictographs: Graphs that use pictures to show information.

A 3rd grade class decided that they would plant trees for Earth Day. Look at what they planted.

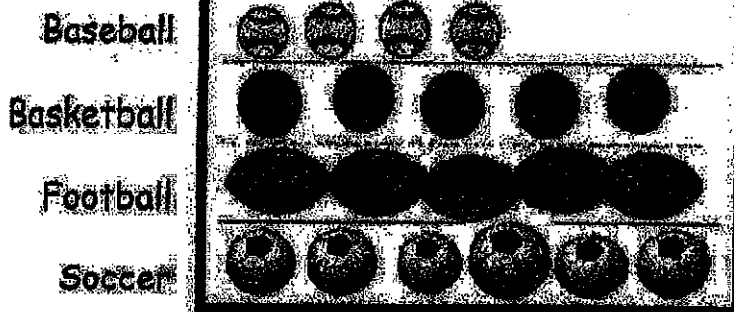


= 1 tree

1. How many trees were planted on Monday? _____
2. Which day did they plant the most trees? _____
3. How many trees did they plant on Wednesday? _____
4. How many trees did they plant in all? _____

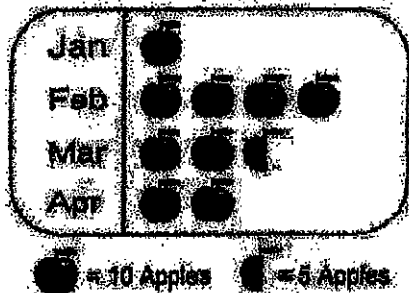
Kids were asked which sport was their favorite. Look at the results and answer the questions.

Our Favorite Sports



Each ball counts as 2 kids

5. How many kids like football the most? _____
6. Which sport do kids like the most? _____
7. How many kids like basketball the most? _____
8. How many kids like soccer? _____
9. How many kids like baseball the most? _____



Look at how many apples were picked this year.

1. How many apples were picked in Jan? _____
2. When were the most apples picked? _____
3. How many apples were picked in Feb? _____
4. Which month were 20 apples picked? _____
5. How many apples were picked in Mar? _____