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## THE CHICKADEE



The chickadee is a very interesting bird. It is a small bird. It is about four to six inches long. The black-capped chickadee has a black head with white cheeks and a gray back. Its tail is black with white outer feathers. The black-capped chickadee is found in Canada and the northern United States. The chickadee's name comes from its call. The chickadee call sounds like the bird is saying, "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee." Chickadees like to live in nests in holes in tree trunks. They also like to live in birdhouses. They make their nests with feathers, soft plants, and fur. Chickadees usually stay in the same area all year. Two or more chickadees huddle together on cold nights in their nest to keep warm. Chickadees eat insects, spiders, berries, and seeds. In groups, the birds help feed the young to chicks.

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### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the main idea of this article?
  - a. Chickadees make nests.
  - b. Chickadees are small birds.
  - c. Female chickadees lay eggs.
  - d. Chickadees are interesting birds.
  
2. Which of the following is **NOT** true?
  - a. Chickadees were named for their strong tails.
  - b. Chickadees live in nests in the holes in tree trunks.
  - c. Chickadees eat insects.
  - d. Chickadees are found in Alaska.