

How to retell a nonfiction or information book

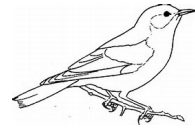
- Remember, a nonfiction or information book is a **TRUE** book about something real.
- You can **talk** about the **main ideas and other important facts or details** of your book with the ideas below.
- **Look back in the book** for help remembering important ideas, facts, and details.

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Main idea

Birds eat many foods.



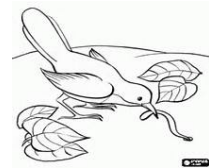
fact or detail

Some birds eat seeds.



fact or detail

Birds eat worms and insects.



fact or detail

Birds also eat fish and frogs.



fact or detail

Many birds use nectar for food.



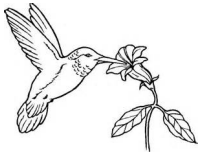
OR Can you think about questions your book answers?
Can you answer the questions?

Who? What kind?



What kind of bird is this?

What ?



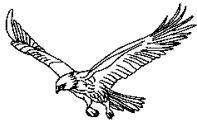
What do birds eat?

Where?



Where do birds live?

When?



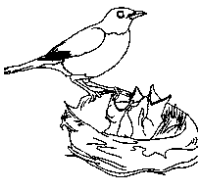
When do birds fly somewhere else?

Why?



Why do birds sing and chirp?

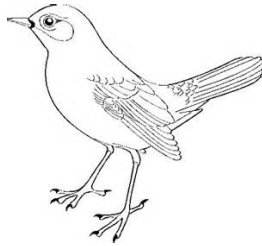
How?



How do birds care for their babies?

OR

Does your nonfiction book have an order that would help you retell the main ideas and important details?



For example, a book about how birds make nests and raise baby birds could be retold this way:

- How a nest is built
- Kinds of eggs that are laid
- How the parent birds sit on the eggs and how long it takes for them to hatch
- How the parents care for the baby birds
- How the baby birds grow and learn
- Dangers to the baby birds
- When the baby birds leave the nest

* Notice how the retelling makes sense when you tell about the ideas in that order? As you read other nonfiction books, look for how the book is organized. That can help you retell in a way that will make sense to you and to your listener!