

**DIRECTIONS**

Read the story and each question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

## Chirp!

by Sue Bradford Edwards

"What are you doing on your hands and knees?" Anthony asked his sister. Pamela was staring down at the back porch.

"It chirped!" she squealed.

On the floor was a sparrow, too tired to struggle when Anthony scooped it up.

"Let's take it out in the grass."

"Don't leave it on the ground," Pamela protested as he set it down. "It's too weak to escape Mrs. Anderson's cat."

Anthony knew she was right. He went inside and brought out a cracker. The sparrow didn't try to eat.

"What do birds eat?" Pamela asked.

Anthony looked around the yard. His teacher had told them that birds eat many insects.

Anthony dug in the earth. He found a tiny worm that he gave to the bird.

The sparrow swallowed it.

After two worms, the sparrow pumped its wings and, with a jump, whistled and flew away.

Pamela and Anthony stood together on the back steps and looked up into the tree.

They smiled at their sparrow sitting on the branch.



**GO ON**



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Where did the children find the bird?

- A** In a tree
- B** In the grass
- C** On their back porch
- D** On the back steps of their house

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In line 9, what does the underlined word protested mean?

- A** Tried out
- B** Hoped for
- C** Pulled forward
- D** Argued against

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Why was Pamela worried?

- A** Mrs. Anderson might find them in her yard.
- B** Anthony wouldn't feed the bird.
- C** A cat might catch the bird.
- D** The bird might fly away.