AMERICAN VILLAGE: #7 Step by step





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April 22nd: Earth Day



Each year more than a billion people celebrate **Earth Day**. It is a time to come together and help protect the planet, and our environment from things like pollution. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues.



SPRING



VOCABULARY







watering can



seed



sprout



plant



nest



egg



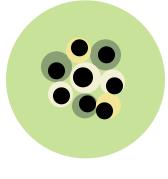
chick



stork



pond



egg sac



tadpole



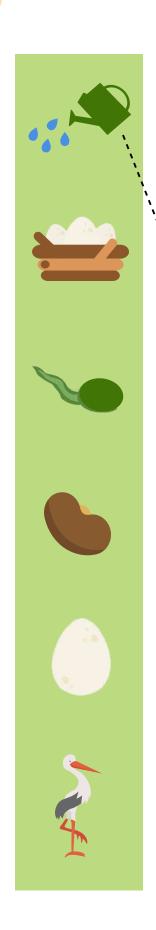
frog



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Read and match



egg sac nest sprout pond plant tadpole watering can stork frog seed chick





egg

Animals of North America



Baby **raccoons** are born between April and June every year. A baby raccoon is called a 'cub'. Cubs live in groups with their mothers called a 'nursery' and will stay with their mother until they are 10 months old.



Chimpmunks are born underground in a burrow. Baby chimpmunks are known as 'pups'. When born they are between 2 and 3 inches long and have no fur. After a month they have grown fur and can leave the burrow.



Baby **skunks** are called 'kits'. Kits are blind when born, since their eyes are sealed shut until around the age of 3 weeks. One mother will give birth to 2 to 10 kits at a time. Kits leave their mother when they are 12 months old.



When a baby **goat** is born they can stand and take their first steps within minutes. The word for a baby goat is 'kid'. Each kid has a unique call and scent, that is how its mother recognizes it from birth – not by sight.

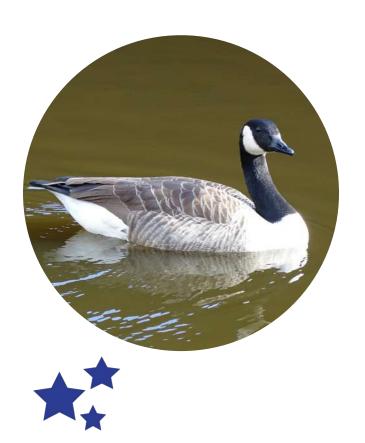


A baby **black bear** is called a 'cub' and lives off its mothers milk for the first few months of its life. Cubs are born in the winter but emerge in spring to find food with their mother.

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Animal profile:

Canadian goose





Height:

30 to 43 inches long (50 to 73 inch wingspan)

Weight:

6 to 14 pounds

Diet:

Canadian geese are primarily herbivores, although they sometimes eat small insects and fish. Their diet includes green vegetation and grains.

Class: Aves

Order: Anseriformes

Family: Anatidae

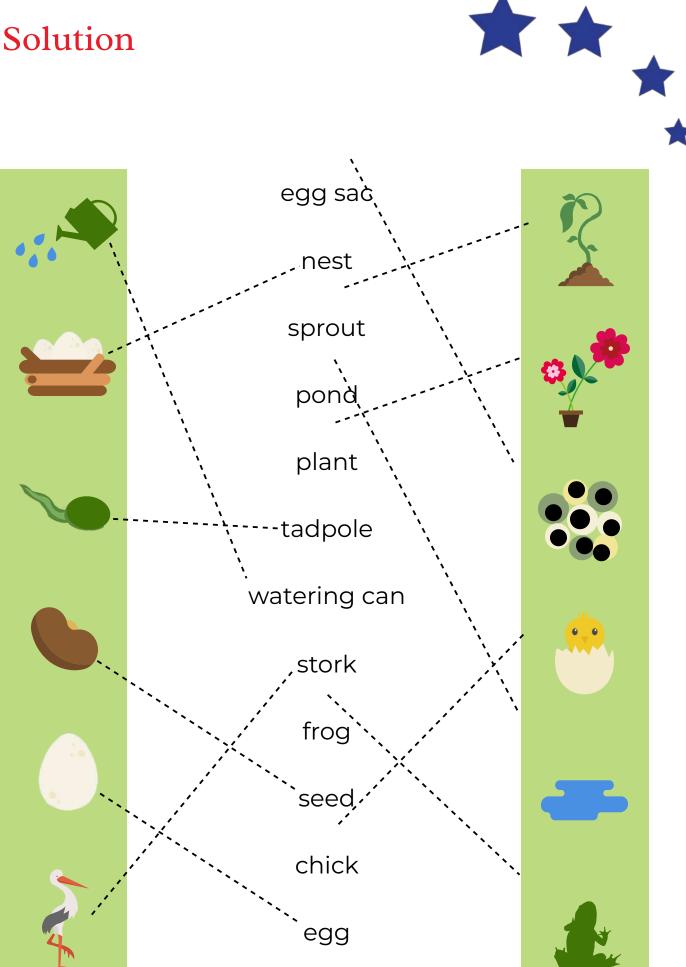
Genus: Branta

Species: B. canadensis

A mother goose will build her nest near lakes and rivers. The nests are flat, wide and made from grass, twigs, mud and feathers. Baby geese are called 'goslings' and can walk and swim a day or two after they're born.



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NEXT MONTH







Sports

Dou you play **sports**? What is your favourite? Learn about the different sports people play in English speaking countries like the United States of America and Canada.













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