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# What Fits Best?

## Objective

Students will choose the proper beaks and feet and "build" a bird that is compatible with a particular habitat.

## Work Sheet I

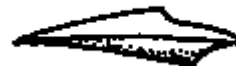
The beaks of birds are adapted to the ways in which birds get their food. The following are descriptions of different kinds of beaks:

1. **Spear Beaks** are sharp and long.
2. **Predator Beaks** are curved, heavy, and powerful.
3. **Chisel Beaks** are pointed for cutting and boring holes.
4. **Scoop Beaks** allow a bird to scoop food out of the water.
5. **Strainer Beaks** enable a bird to hold food while water is strained from it.
6. **Cracker Beaks** help birds break the hard shells of seeds.

Identify the six bird beaks pictured below. Write your answer on the line underneath each beak:



1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Write your best answer below each of the following questions:

1. Which beaks are best for spearing and chiseling? Explain.

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2. Which beak is best for cracking seeds? Explain.

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3. Which beak is best for straining? Explain.

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4. Which beak is best adapted for tearing meat? Explain

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5. Which beak is best for holding a large amount of food? Explain.

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6. How can a bird's bill or beak tell us about what it eats?

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