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A Tiny Chick

In the trunk of an old gum tree, there is a small hole.

Gum tree

Nest hole 👔

The hole leads to a cozy nest.

Inside the nest, a tiny, fluffy chick has just **hatched** from its egg. The baby bird cannot see, walk, or fly.

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The tiny chick belongs to a mother and father cockatiel.

Mother cockatiel



Egg

The mother cockatiel laid five eggs in the nest.

The parent birds take turns sitting on the eggs and keeping them warm.

Sometimes the father bird stands guard outside the nest.





crest (KREST) A tuft of feathers, fur, or skin on the head of an animal.

flock (FLOK) A large group of birds of the same kind that fly or live together. hatched (HACHTD) Broke out of an egg.

mate (MATE) An animal's partner with which it has babies.



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Inside a cozy nest, a tiny chick has just hatched from his egg. The baby bird cannot see, walk, or fly, but he is soon begging his mom and dad for food. Who does this little baby belong to?

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