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THE BIRD WHO WANTED TO EAT A HOUSE

Tom was studying. He heard a loud noise. The noise didn't stop. Tom didn't know what it was. Something was hitting the house. *Rat-a-rat-a-tat!*

"What is making that noise?" Tom asked his father.

"That is just a woodpecker," his father said. "He always comes and pecks the house. He comes every spring. Let's go outside. We will scare him away. We will take the pan from the kitchen with us."

Tom got the pan from the kitchen. They went outside. Tom saw a bird on the side of the house. It was not big, but it was not small, either. It was a medium-sized bird. It was white. It had black wings and a red head. It was pecking the house.

"Why does he want to eat our house?" Tom asked his father.

"He really just wants to eat some bugs," Tom's father answered. "Woodpeckers peck holes in trees. They eat the bugs that are inside of the trees. Maybe he thinks our house is a tree."

Tom and his father yelled. They clapped their hands. Tom hit the pan with a stick. They made so much noise! Finally, the woodpecker flew away.

"Well done, Tom," his father said. "Now the woodpecker can go and find some wood with insects in it, and leave our house alone."

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Answer the questions about *THE BIRD WHO WANTED TO EAT A HOUSE*

1. What was Tom doing when he first heard the woodpecker?
   - a. Sleeping
   - b. Studying
   - c. Eating
   - d. We can't tell from the story.

2. Why do they take the pan from the kitchen?
   - a. To cook the bird
   - b. To hit the woodpecker
   - c. To make noise and scare it away
   - d. All of the above

3. How big is the woodpecker?
   - a. The size of a bumblebee
   - b. The size of a small cow
   - c. The size of a large goose
   - d. The size of a crow

4. What color is the woodpecker?
   - a. White, red and black
   - b. Gray
   - c. Yellow, green and blue
   - d. Brown in summer and white in winter

5. What does a woodpecker eat?
   - a. Fruit and vegetables
   - b. Insects
   - c. Mice
   - d. Wooden buildings.

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1. b
2. c
3. d
4. a
5. b