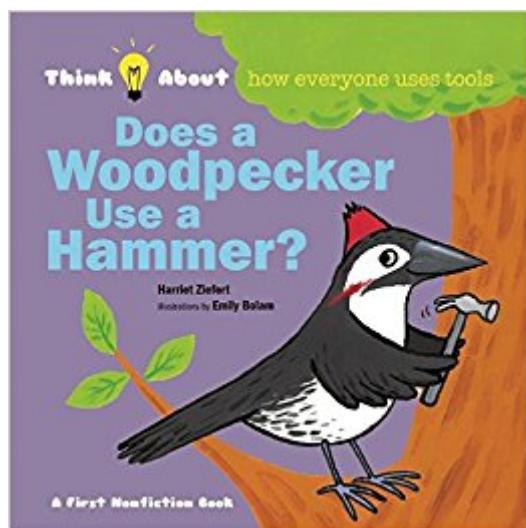


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# Does A Woodpecker Use A Hammer?: Think About...how Everyone Uses Tools



## **Synopsis**

This brand new title in the Think About series explores and explains that while some animals do indeed use tools, only people have developed implements that make it possible to do things that their bodies cannot. A funny, kid-like question - "Does a woodpecker use a hammer?" - is paired with a silly scenario (a woodpecker in a tool belt), and a few facts about how some animals use parts of their bodies as tools. Animals that might use a stick, or rock, as a tool lead to an exploration of how people create tools to solve problems and accomplish tasks.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Illustrated with brightly colored cartoons, this book asks whether various animals can use a hammer. The answer is always no, but for each animal, there's an explanation for how it accomplishes tasks, such as a woodpecker using its bill to make holes in trees or chimps employing sticks to fish termites from their nests. The focus then shifts to how humans are the only species that can make and use advanced tools. The second half jumps around, attempting to cover a vast amount of information in only a few sentences—early man, the first farmers, the Egyptians and Romans, modern man. The information is simplified to the point of confusion; for instance, the

author explains that a cow can't use a hammer because "it has hooves" not paws." The book lacks an index and sources for the facts. However, readers will find the questions appended to encourage further discussion and critical thinking useful. More helpful as a conversation starter than as an informational text. •Emily E. Lazio, The Smithtown Special Library District, NY

Harriet Ziefert has written a book which answers so many questions as well as explaining how the animals do things instead of using a hammer. This book begins with animals and then moves on to humans and how they have invented things to make their lives easier through their tools. The pictures are bright and colorful which will keep the attention of children as well as lead to more questions from the children.

I love ALL of Harriet Ziefert's books. The facts are presented in short, clear sentences and the colorful illustrations are sure to appeal to young children. Adults will appreciate the "Think About" section at the end that facilitates conversation about what's been read.

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