

Alpha Level 4

# Bird Families





## Word Study

**C** Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

to with on after only other work together

- 1) Some bird parents work together to look after the eggs. work together
- 2) In some bird families, only the male bird does everything. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Osprey use sticks to make their nests. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Some female cuckoos lay eggs in a nest of other birds. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Female bowerbirds **look** after chicks until they're ready. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) A female bowerbird builds a nest on **her own**. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) A male bowerbird decorates a bower with feathers and shells. \_\_\_\_\_

**D** Write your own sentences using the same sentence pattern.

'When' means 'at the time'.

I Mom Dad My friend	says good-bye says good-night called made pizza will take an umbrella	<b>when</b>	I went out. we were hungry. It rains. I go to school. I go to bed.
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- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

# Comprehension

## A Answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the book about?
  - a) Looking after eggs and chicks is very hard.
  - b) Bird families have different ways of raising their young.**
  - c) Female birds and male birds work together to look after their young.
  
- 2) What do male bowerbirds make ? (pg. 8)
  - a) A bower**
  - b) A nest
  - c) Both a bower and a nest
  
- 3) What birds seem to be lazy not taking care of their young at all?
  - a) Ospreys
  - b) Woodpeckers
  - c) Cuckoos**
  
- 4) According to the story, which of the next is true?
  - a) Only female birds sit on eggs until they hatch.
  - b) Male bowerbirds are busier than female bower birds.
  - c) Some male and female birds take turns to sit on eggs.**

## B Match the bird to the explanation.

 woodpecker	•	•	Male birds look after the eggs and young chicks.
 cassowary	•	•	Male and female birds work together.
 bowerbird	•	•	All birds in the group help to look after chicks.
 osprey	•	•	Female birds look after the nest and their chicks.
 cuckoo	•	•	They find other birds to raise their young.

# Comprehension

## C Complete the summary about different birds.

Title : Bird Families

Bird families have different ways of looking after their young .

First, ospreys help each other and work together. Second, only

female bowerbirds sit on eggs, make a nest and find food! Third,

the male cassowary looks after the eggs and chicks. Next, the blue

jay, woodpecker and kingfisher lives in groups . All the birds in

the group help everything together. Last, the cuckoo lays eggs

in other birds' nest. The other birds look after the cuckoo chicks .

### Word Box

cuckoo    female    chicks    in groups    different    help    looks after

## D Write and Speak

<Does your family help each other?>

There is much work around home.

My family helps / doesn't help each other.

My father \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My mother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

And I help to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you help in your family?

### Word Box



wash the dishes



clean the house



wash clothes



cook



help homework



shop for food