

Alpha Level 4


Bird Families





Word Study


A Solve the crossword puzzle below.


→ Across
↓ Down


1. 


2. 

3. 

6. 

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7. 

4. 2. 7. 1. 5. 6. 3.

B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

Word Box

look after female male bower attract

- The male bowerbird makes a bower to _____ the female.
you do something to make someone like you
- The _____ osprey sits on eggs.
a girl or a woman
- Birds in a group help to _____ chicks.
take care of or raise
- The _____ osprey catches fish for the female.
a boy or a man
- The male bowerbird stays at the _____ while the female builds a nest.
a cool place with shade

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 _____ to look after the eggs. work together
- 2) In some bird families, _____ the male bird does everything. _____
- 3) Osprey use sticks _____ make their nests. _____
- 4) Some female cuckoos lay eggs in a nest of _____ birds. _____
- 5) Female bowerbirds **look** _____ chicks until they're ready. _____
- 6) A female bowerbird builds a nest _____ **her own**. _____
- 7) A male bowerbird decorates a bower _____ 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	when	I went out. we were hungry. It rains. I go to school. I go to bed.
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- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

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.

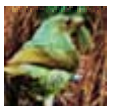
B Match the bird to the explanation.



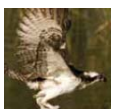
woodpecker



cassowary



bowerbird



osprey



cuckoo

Male birds look after the eggs and young chicks.

Male and female birds work together.

All birds in the group help to look after chicks.

Female birds look after the nest and their chicks.

They find other birds to raise their young.

Comprehension

C Complete the summary about different birds.

Title : _____

Bird families have _____ ways of looking after their young .

First, ospreys _____ each other and work together. Second, only _____ bowerbirds sit on eggs, make a nest and find food! Third, the male cassowary _____ the eggs and chicks. Next, the blue jay, woodpecker and kingfisher lives _____. All the birds in the group help everything together. Last, the _____ lays eggs in other birds' nest. The other birds look after the cuckoo _____.

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