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Birds Have Feathers

Circle group

A bird has feathers. Feathers keep it warm. Feathers help it fly.

A bird has a beak. It has two legs and two wings. Some birds sing.

I see a bird. It can fly up!

Questions

1. What does a bird have on its body?

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2. How many legs does a bird have?

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3. What do feathers help a bird do?

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4. What do some birds do?

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5. Why can the bird fly up?

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Words to know

feather: one of the light, soft parts that cover a bird
beak: the hard mouth of a bird
wing: the part a bird uses to fly
fly: to move through the air

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Birds Have Feathers

Triangle group

A bird has feathers. Feathers keep a bird warm. Feathers help a bird fly.

A bird has a beak. It has two legs and two wings. Some birds sing.

I see a bird in the tree. It can fly up, up, up!

Questions

1. What does a bird have on its body?

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2. How many legs does a bird have?

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3. What do feathers help a bird do?

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4. What do some birds do?

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5. Why can a bird fly up to the tree?

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Birds Have Feathers

Square group

Every bird has feathers, and the feathers keep the bird warm. They also help the bird fly through the air.

A bird has a hard beak, two legs, and two strong wings. Some birds can even sing a song.

Look, there is a bird in the tree! It can fly high up into the sky.

Questions

1. What covers the body of a bird?

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2. How many legs does a bird have?

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3. What two things do feathers help a bird do?

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4. What can some birds do?

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5. Why can the bird fly up from the tree into the sky?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Birds Have Feathers

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Birds Have Feathers

Easier · 35 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.1

1. Feathers.
2. Two.
3. Stay warm and fly.
4. Sing.
5. It has wings.

Triangle: Birds Have Feathers

This passage · 42 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. Feathers.
2. Two.
3. Stay warm and fly.
4. Sing.
5. It has wings and feathers that help it fly.

Square: Birds Have Feathers

Harder · 55 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Feathers.
2. Two legs.
3. Keep warm and fly.
4. Sing a song.
5. It has strong wings and feathers that help it fly.