

Try this out on your way to or from school!

Birds are particularly 'noisy' in Spring. A bird 'sings' to attract a companion and to tell other birds "this is my home". A bird 'calls' to pass on information to others. These calls might mean "There's danger", "I'm still here, are you?", "Go away" or "There's food here!".

Listen out for various bird calls and songs on your journey and look out for the bird that's making the sound.

If you were to write down the sound, how would the sound be spelt?

What do you think the bird is trying to communicate?

Is there one part of your route that is particularly good for bird sounds? Why do you think that is?

Some people use birds as part of conversation, to help them explain what they mean. "Birds of a feather flock together" means "similar types of people usually get together".

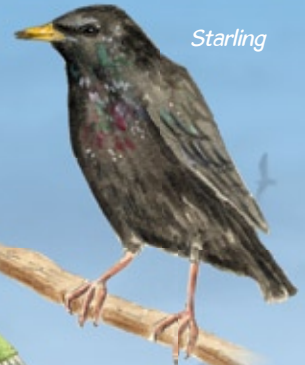


Wren

TIC-TIC-TIC!



Great Tit



Starling



Blackbird

Take a look at these phrases. Do you know what they are trying to say? Discuss your thoughts with your walking companions.

- The early bird catches the worm
- Kill two birds with one stone
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
- One beats the bush, another takes the bird

If you want to, think of a brand new saying when you get home. Test it out on others!