

Birdsong: reading tasks

1 a Can you identify the following birds?



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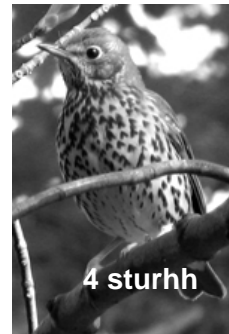
2 blidbarck



3 gonpie



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b Which of these birds do you have in your country?

2 Which of the following sentences about birds are *true*?

- a All the birds above are songbirds.
- b The birdsong in the morning is called the dawn chorus.
- c Birds can sing in the morning all year round.
- d The birds who sing in the morning are usually female.
- e Nobody knows the real reason why the birds sing in the morning.
- f The birds sing a special song in the morning.
- g Some birds are in danger because they are losing their natural habitat.
- h Birds never sing at night.

3 Read these statements about the text. Decide if they are *true* or *false*, or if the information is *not given*.

- a The writer is happy to be up so early in the morning.
- b The writer and Jim are in the countryside.
- c The writer and Jim are good friends.
- d This is the first time the writer has got up early to hear the birds.
- e The birds have ways of fooling other birds.
- f Jim has a job with the RSPB.
- g It's easier for the birds to find food when the sun is up.
- h It's natural for the robin to sing during the night and day.

A project

1 Choose a bird and either draw it or put a picture here:



2 Answer these questions about the bird:

What's the name of the bird?	
Is it a songbird?	
What does it eat?	
Where can you see the bird?	
When can you see it?	
Who makes the nest?	
How many eggs does it lay?	
Who feeds the baby chicks?	
Any other important information:	