

Reading Comprehension:

British Garden Birds

In this text, five common garden birds introduce themselves. They tell you about how they look, where they live, and the things they eat. You may see these birds near your home or school.

Blackbird

- Male blackbirds are black and female blackbirds are brown.
- I eat worms from your lawn.
- My song is one of the best you will ever hear.
- I love to scratch around in autumn leaves.



Blue tit

- I eat caterpillars, nuts and seeds.
- Look for me in trees, but not on the ground.
- I nest in holes in trees, including nest boxes.



House sparrow

- My black bib and face mask mean that I am male.
- I like to live near people.
- My chunky beak is good at cracking seeds open.



Chaffinch

- My red front means that I am male.
- I live almost everywhere in the UK.
- I eat seeds but feed my chicks on insects.



Robin

- I eat worms.
- I am usually alone in the garden.
- I sing in winter as well as in spring.



Questions:

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1. Which bird does **not** like to feed on the ground?

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2. a) Which **two** birds are likely to be pecking in a lawn?

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b) What would they be hoping to find?

3. A home for a bird's young is called (*circle one*):

a house

a nest

a hole

a burrow

4. Which bird feeds insects to its babies?

5. The house sparrow has a chunky beak. Circle the phrase that means 'chunky' (*circle one*)

good for chewing

long and thin

short and wide

6. Write one fact that could go under a new heading, 'Duck'. Write the fact as if the duck is talking about itself.

7. Explain why a duck would **not** fit in this particular list of birds.
