

Birds are beautiful. They fly in the sky. They live in the trees. They sing sweet songs. Children too sing:

Oh, little bird,  
Fly in the sky  
I shall go with you  
Teach me to fly!

We find birds everywhere. They live in villages, towns and cities. They live in forests and on mountains. Some water-birds live near lakes. Look out of the window. You will see a bird or two. Watch them carefully. Look at their colour, shape and size. Some birds are small, some are big. Birds have different colours. Parrots are green. Doves are grey. Crows and cuckoos are black.

There may be some trees in front of your school. Some trees may be behind your school. You may go there with your friends. Keep your notebooks with you. Sit in a quiet place. Watch everything around you quietly. Look in front of you. Look behind the plants and on the branches of the trees. Watch the birds. Note their colour, shape and size. Find out their names. But be careful. Don't make a noise. Don't disturb them. Some birds may just fly over your head! Watch them, too.

Here are the pictures of a few birds. Do you know them?



Here is a wood-pecker. It has a strong beak. It pecks its beak on the trunk of a tree. It can make a hole in it with its beak.

This is the picture of an owl. It has big round eyes and a small beak. It is a bird of night. Some people dislike the owl, but it is not a bad bird. It is harmless.



Do you know this bird? It is a pelican. It is a water-bird. It lives near big lakes. The beak of the pelican is very large. It can hold a large fish in it. The pelican is a big bird. Some pelicans are four feet long!



Now look at this bird. What is it doing? It is weaving its nest. It is a weaver-bird. It weaves its nest with soft straws and leaves of grass. Its nest is really beautiful.





Meet this beautiful bird. It is the state bird of Gujarat. It is also a water bird. It has light pink feathers. It has long neck and long legs. It can fly long distances. It is a flamingo.

Indeed birds are lovely. They are our friends.

### Exercise

**Read the sentences. Find out the name of the bird. Write it in the blank.**

1. It can see in the dark with its big, round eyes \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It peaks in the wood and makes the nest \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I can hold fish in its beak \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It weaves the nest with soft straws and leaves of the grass \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It is the state bird of Gujarat \_\_\_\_\_.

**Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the box.**

1. The birds live in cities. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Crows and cuckoos are grey. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A pelican can make a hole on the trunk of tree. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A weaver bird is a bird of night. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Don't make a noise. The birds may come to you. \_\_\_\_\_

**Draw your favorite bird.**