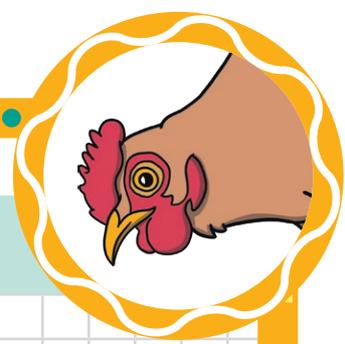
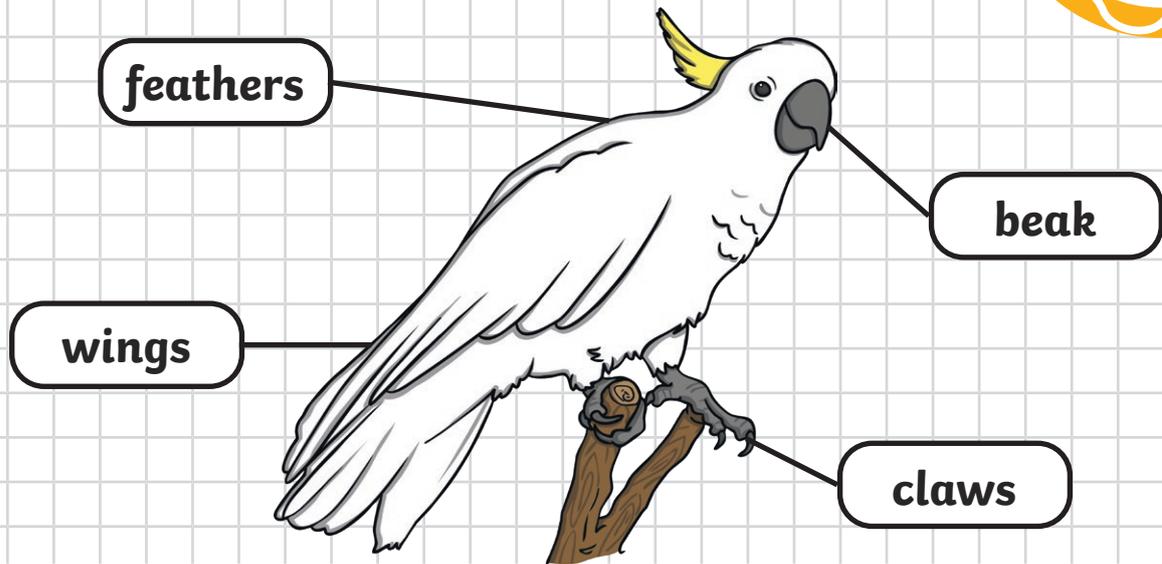


Taking Care of a Bird



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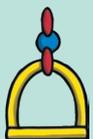
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food bowl



water bowl



perches



toys



Birds like to play with toys.
They also chew on them.



Some birds like to use their wings to fly so they need a big cage or to come out of their cage sometimes.

Questions

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- fur
- scales
- feathers

2. What does a bird need? Tick one.

- a perch
- a collar
- a lamp

3. What does a bird do with its toys? Tick **two**.

- plays with them
- hides them
- chews on them

4. Choose the right word to finish the sentence. Tick one.

Birds like to _____ .

- swim
- fly
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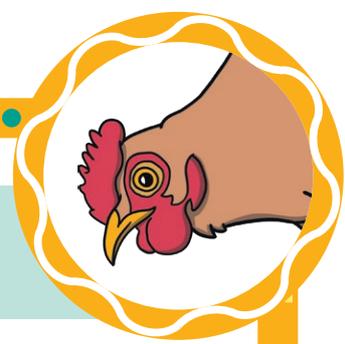
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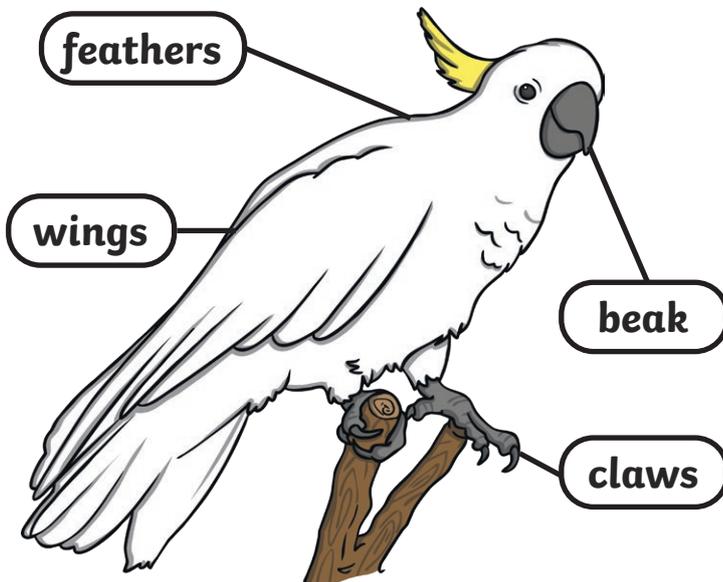
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Birds can be easy pets to look after. They usually live in a cage and don't make lots of mess.

What Does a Bird Look Like?



What does a bird need?

	cage
	food bowl
	water bowl
	perches
	toys

What Do I Need to Remember About Having a Bird?

Some birds do not need much to play with. Chickens will happily explore a garden or an outside space.

Other birds like parrots need to be kept busy. They need toys to play with and to chew on.



How Do I Keep a Bird Healthy?

Birds like to be clean so their cage needs to be cleaned every day. They need to eat different foods to stay healthy, such as seeds, nuts and fruit. A healthy bird should have bright eyes and shiny feathers.



Questions

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- canaries
- parrots
- chickens

2. Which pet birds usually live outside? Tick one.

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- every week
- every month

3. Which two of these are parts of a bird? Tick **two**.

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- paws
- beak

4. Where do pet birds usually live? Tick one.

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- in a car
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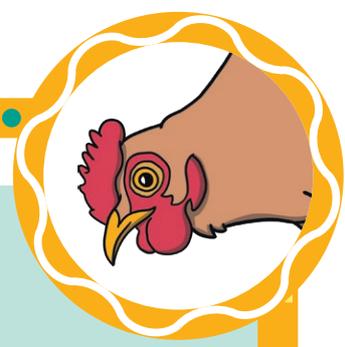
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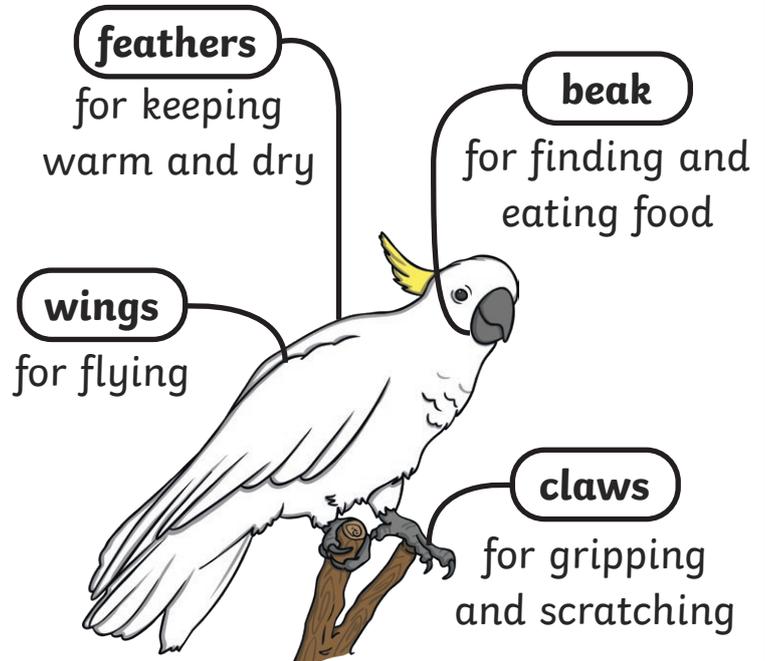
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Birds can make really good pets and they do not usually need too much time and attention. They could be a good choice of pet for people with allergies to pet hair.

What Does a Bird Look Like?

Pet birds can look very different. Some, like canaries and finches, are quite small. Parrots can grow to be quite big. These types of bird live in cages. Chickens can be kept outside in a coop and hens will lay eggs if well looked after.



What Does a Bird Need?

Different birds need different things. Some birds are kept outside, such as chickens and ducks, and they need a place to live that is safe from animals

like foxes. They need plenty of space to move around. Other birds live inside in cages but like to be let out sometimes to fly around.

What Else Do I Need to Keep a Bird Healthy?

Birds are clever animals and they need toys to keep them occupied. Some birds, such as parrots, can be trained to play games and even talk. Birds need a special diet of nuts and seeds to keep their feathers shiny.



If a bird is ill or injured, they need to be seen by a specialist vet.



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Birds could be good for people with pet hair allergies because...

they have feathers instead of hair.

6. Which type of bird would you like as a pet? Why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like a parrot because I think that it would be fun to teach it how to talk to me.