

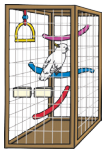
Taking Care of a Bird

There are lots of different birds that people keep as pets.



Things a Bird will need:

cage



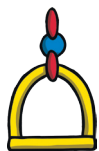
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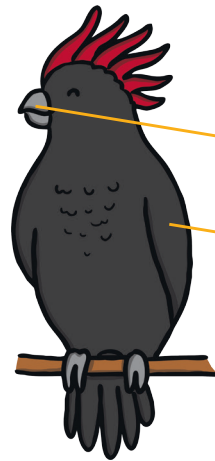
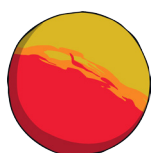
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perches



toys

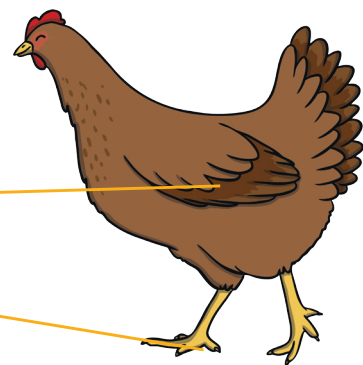


beak

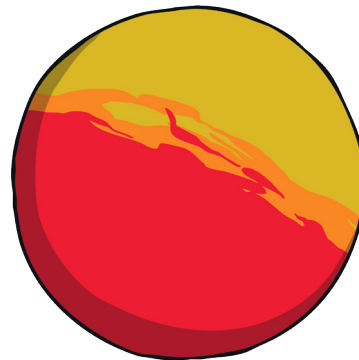
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feathers

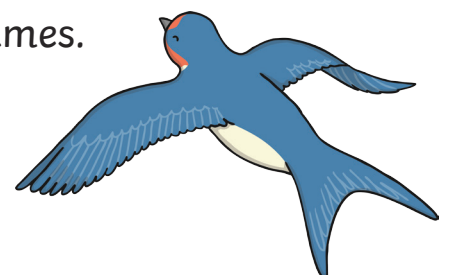
claws



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



Some birds like 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?

perch

collar

lamp

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

plays with them

hides them

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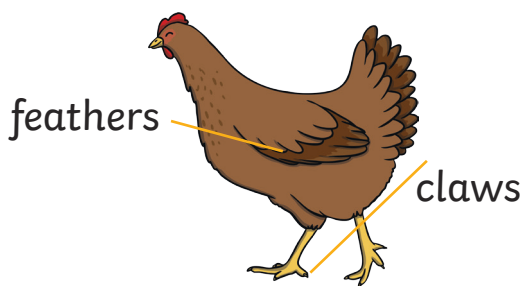
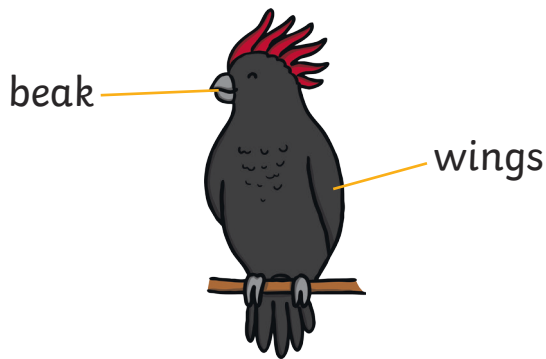
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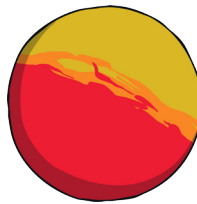
Birds can be easy pets to look after. They usually live in a cage and don't make lots of mess.

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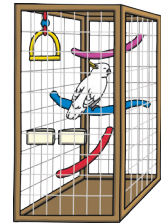


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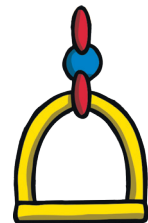
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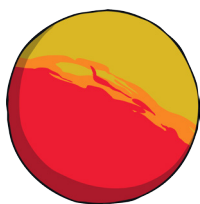
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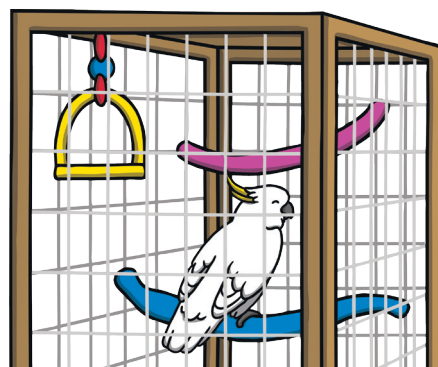


What do I need to remember about having a bird?



Some birds do not need much to play with. Chickens will happily explore a garden or 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 like seeds, nuts and fruit. A healthy bird should have bright eyes and shiny feathers.

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parrots

chickens

budgies

2. How often do bird cages need cleaning?

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3. Circle two body parts of a bird.

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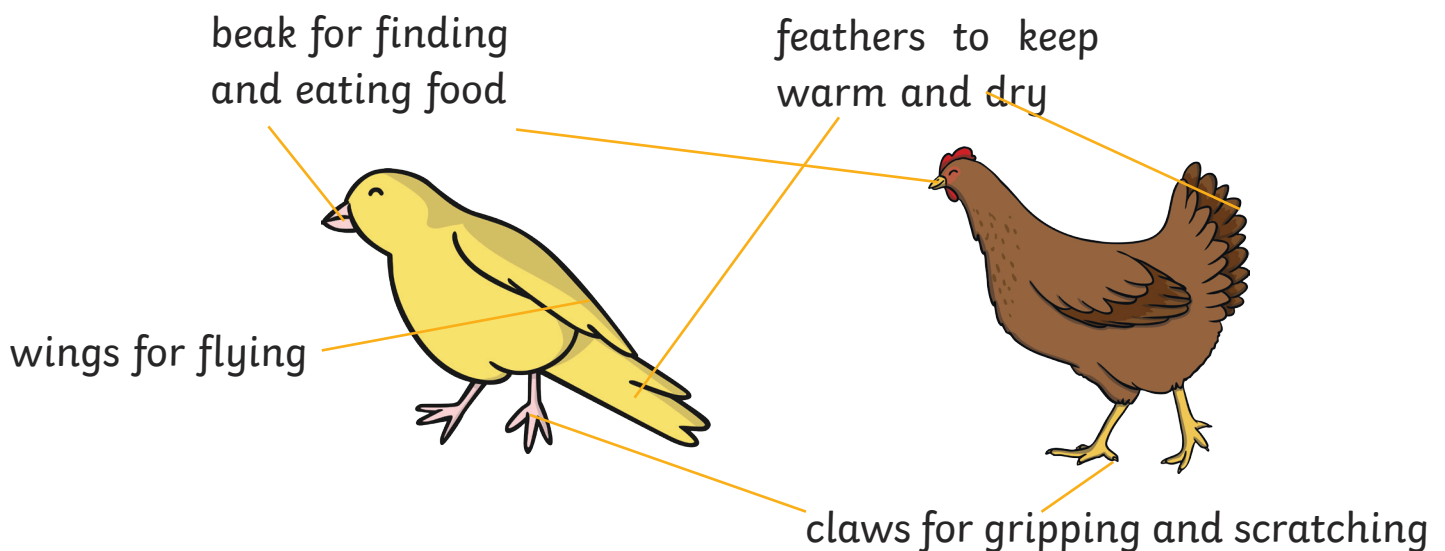
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Birds can make really good pets and they do not usually need too much time and attention. They are a good choice of pet for people with allergies to pet hair.

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, like 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 need toys to keep them occupied. Some birds, like 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 then they need to be seen by a specialist vet.

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flying

eating

gripping

scratching

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hedgehogs

foxes

snails

cows

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clever

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mean

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Birds are good for people with allergies because
because they do not have hair.

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Child's own response.