



Why do Birds Matter?


- They help plant life by scattering seeds. This means that seeds get to travel to different places and grow in other places.
- They control insect growth. Many birds eat insects. Without birds eating them, there would be a dangerously high number of insects.
- Birds, like magpies and crows, eat dead animals. This gets rid of the rotting animals which could cause diseases.




Numbers of Common Garden Birds

There has been a big drop in the number of starlings. The reason could be that farming has made it more difficult for them to find their favourite food – the crane fly larvae.


The number of house sparrows has also dropped. This could be because of cats, or air pollution due to more cars being used. Fortunately, last year, there was an increase in house sparrows reported through an RSPB survey.



RETRIEVE



INTERPRET



CHOICE

What could dead animals cause? _____

Write down two reasons why birds are important.

Give one reason why house sparrow numbers have dropped.

Why do you think house sparrow numbers increased last year?

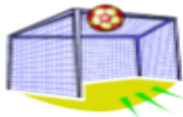
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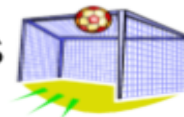
SPELLING STARS



Spellings	1 st Attempt	2 nd Attempt	3 rd Attempt
teacher			
catcher			
richer			
stretcher			
watcher			
dispatcher			
butcher			
preacher			
cruncher			
scorcher			



Grammar Goals



Replace the underlined word or words in the sentence below with the correct **pronouns**.

For his ninth birthday, James visited his grandparents

and his grandparents took James to the cinema.

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Circle all the **determiners** in the sentence below.

An orange tree screened the open windows on one side of our house.

There is an error in the sentence below. Write the correction in the box.

The confused cyclist weren't sure where to go.