

Questions

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- ☐ 13cm
- ☐ 25cm

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robin

wren

blackbird

bluish green eggs, spotted with brown

white with sandy or red freckles

white with brown speckles

3. Name **two** habitats that blackbirds can be found in.

- _____
- _____

4. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:

People use nets in their gardens to stop birds getting to their _____, but birds can become _____ in them. If nets are needed, it is best to use fine mesh nets made of _____.

5. Find and copy a phrase from the text that shows that nightingales do not live permanently within the UK.

6. Summarise the information about nightingales in 30 words or less.

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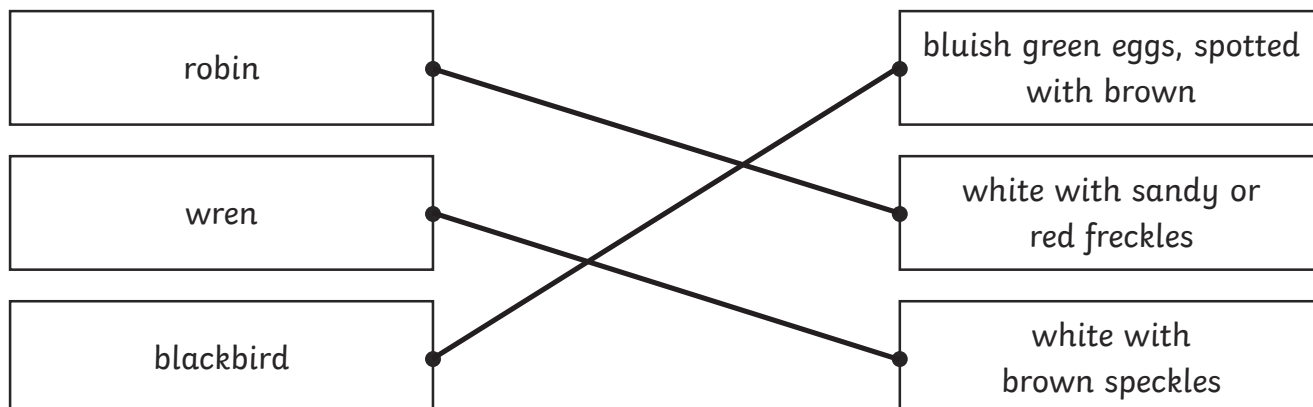
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Accept any two of the following: fields; gardens; towns; cities; countryside.

4. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:

People use nets in their gardens to stop birds getting to their **vegetables**, but birds can become **tangled** in them. If nets are needed, it is best to use fine mesh nets made of **natural materials**.

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(they are) not always resident (in the UK)

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Nightingales are special summer visitors to southern England that are secretive and hard to spot but their loud, fast song can be heard day and night.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Because robins live in areas such as towns and cities, they are used to humans being around and, if humans feed them regularly, they will begin to trust them enough to feed directly out of their hands.

8. Why do you think that nightingales are described as a 'special summer visitor'?
- Pupils' own responses, such as: Nightingales visit the UK during the summer months and people think they are special because of their beautiful and rare song.**
9. Why has the author included a glossary? Choose one other word to include and write a definition for it.
- Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has included a glossary to explain the meanings of some of the more tricky words.**
- natural: Not made by humans; from nature.**