

Young Explorers



Birds of Prey



Birds of prey hunt other animals for their food. This osprey uses incredible vision to spot fish near the surface, before swooping down and snatching them with hooked talons.



Silently gliding over meadows in search of rodents, barn owls listen to the slightest of movements beneath them, before plunging down upon their prey, in this case, a rat.



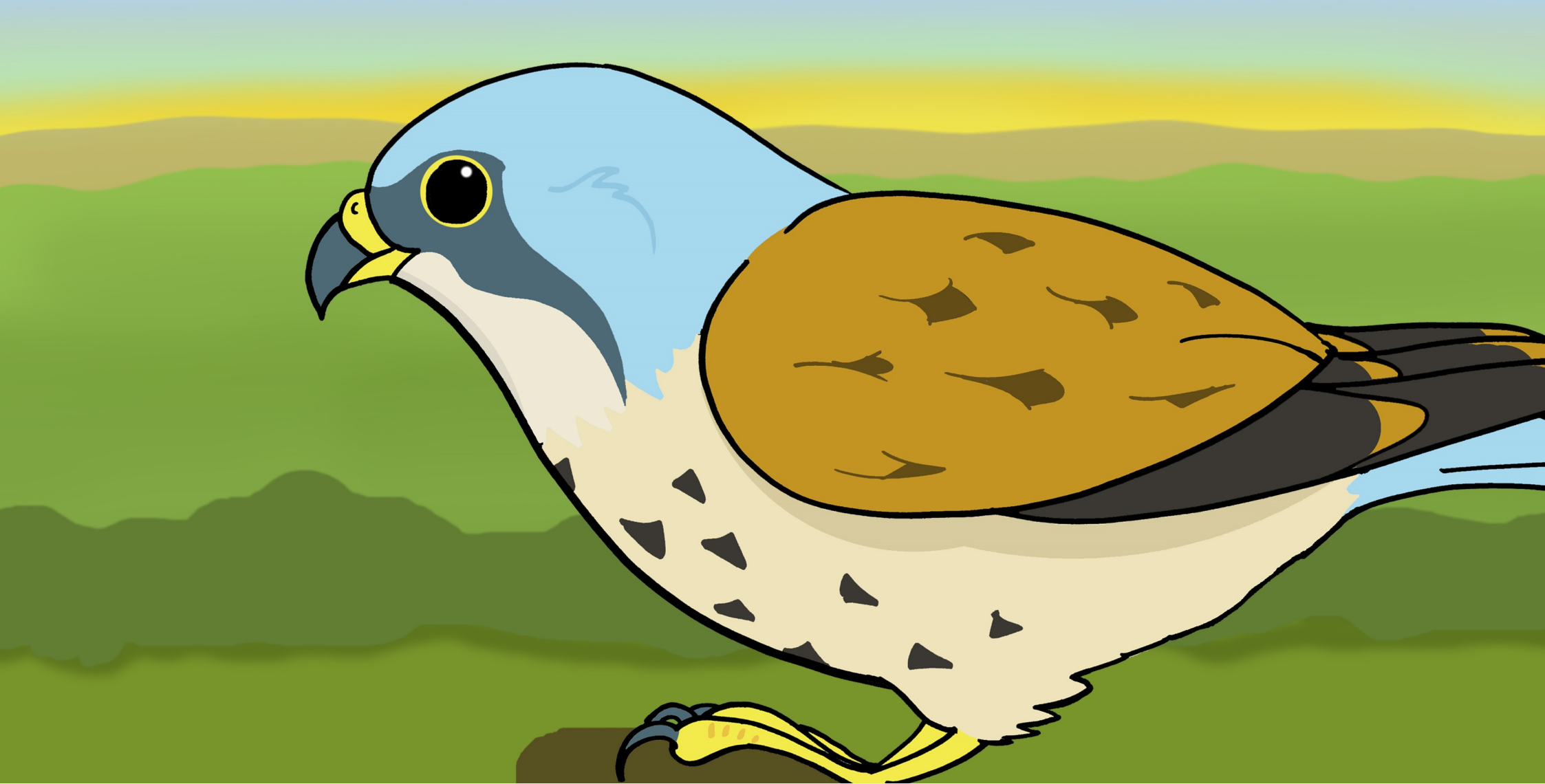
Some birds of prey are swift enough to hunt for other bird species. The sparrow hawk is tremendously fast and agile, swooping in and seizing their quarry in a flurry of feathers.



Despite being a large, powerful hunter, the common buzzard will also take advantage of an easy meal, feeding on the remains of animals that have died, including roadkill.



Vision is crucial to birds of prey, especially when they hunt at night. This tawny owl is a nocturnal hunter and the most common owl in the UK.



Kestrels are a common bird of prey and are often spotted along verges, perched or hovering with their head fixed in position, looking for the smallest movements of their prey.



Red kites were only recently missing from much of the UK having been hunted extensively. It was thought that they might target game birds bred for shooting.



Hen harriers continue to be persecuted and are especially vulnerable as they nest on the ground. Despite having legal protection, their populations have been decimated.



Thanks to conservation efforts, species such as peregrine falcons have recovered from near extinction and can be seen in as diverse habitats as cities, countryside and cliff edges.



Did you enjoy learning about these remarkable raptors?

What you can remember?

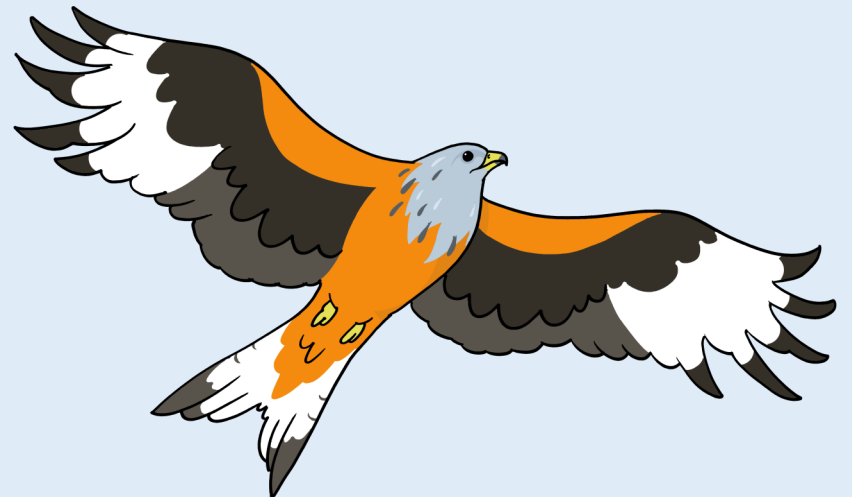
Questions

What does the osprey use talons for?

Can you describe features that birds of prey share?

Where do hen harriers nest?

Which senses are important to a bird of prey? *Explain why?*



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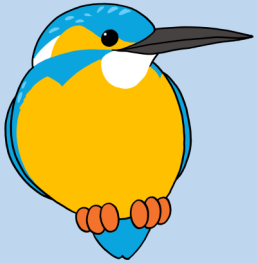
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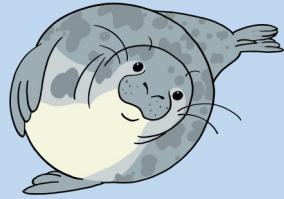
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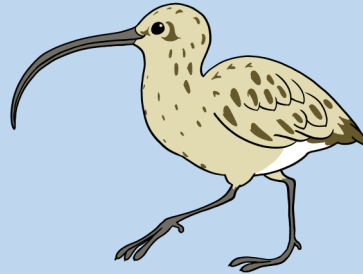
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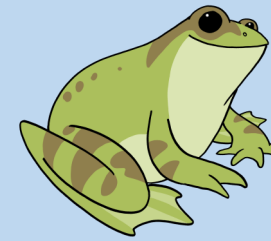
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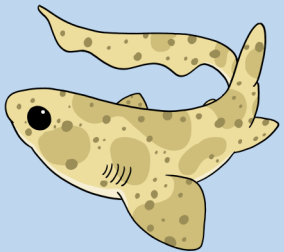
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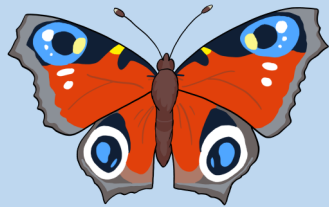
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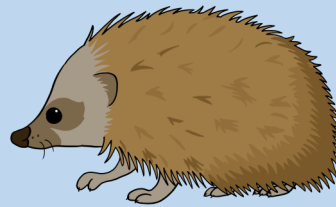
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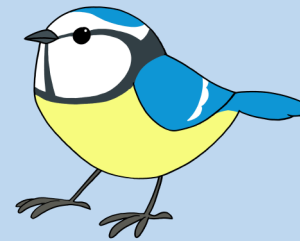
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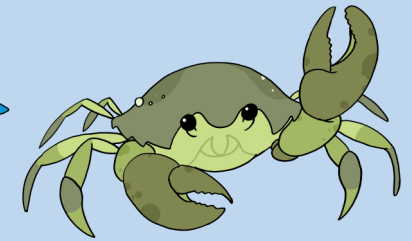
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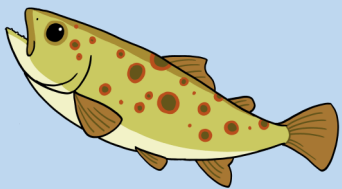
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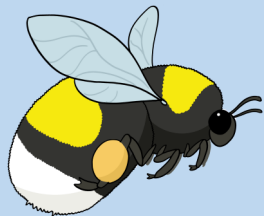
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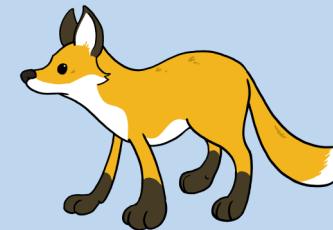
11. RIVERS & STREAMS



12. MINIBEASTS



13. BIRDS OF PREY



14. FOX



15. REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS