READING

1 **Listen and read.** TR: 6.6

Why Do Mockingbirds Copy?

Mockingbirds live in North and South America. They are very good copycats. They imitate other birds and other animals. They can even copy the sounds of a piano or car alarm! Some mockingbirds can learn more than 200 different songs.

Males are loud singers who can sing many songs. They sing when they want to meet females. The singing attracts females. But it also keeps away other males. The longer a mockingbird lives, the more songs it knows. A female mockingbird is attracted to a male who has lived a long time.

Female mockingbirds sing softly and less often than males. They usually sing at their nests in the winter to keep away other birds. When another bird comes near, the female makes a loud noise to scare it away.

Mockingbirds are one of the most amazing animals in the world!

2 **Read.** Check T for *True* and F for *False*.

Mockingbird characteristic	Male	Female
1. Live in South America		
2. Imitate other birds		
3. Are loud singers		
4. Sing to attract		
5. Sing to keep away other birds		

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