



# How Birds Fly in the Sky



## Let's Focus

Which body parts help birds fly?

When people made the airplane, their model was birds. Birds are good at flying. How do they do it?

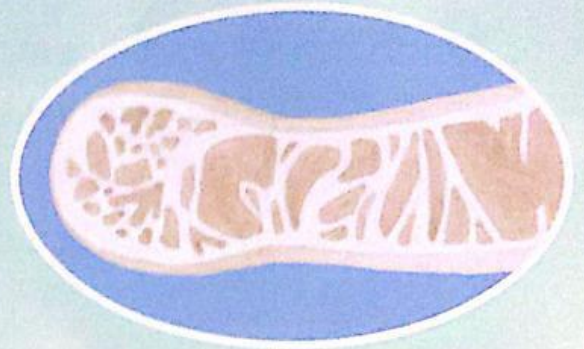
First, birds have two strong **wings**. They **flap** their wings hard to fly. This helps them **lift off** the ground.



Second, birds have special **bones**. Their bones are thin and **empty** inside. That makes birds very **light**.

Third, birds don't have teeth. They have beaks. Beaks are much lighter than mouths with teeth. So birds are light!

Don't you think that birds have perfect bodies for flying?



▲ Birds' bone

Words 86



**Link to Self**

In your opinion, which body part is the most important for birds to fly?

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**1** What is the main idea of the passage?

- a. Some birds are lighter than others.
- b. Birds are the only animals that can fly.
- c. Birds have special body parts for flying.

**2** Birds \_\_\_\_\_ to fly up into the sky.

- a. flap their wings
- b. move their feet
- c. use their beaks

**3** What are birds' bones like?

- a. thin and heavy
- b. thin and empty inside
- c. thick and empty inside

**4** Beaks are \_\_\_\_\_ than mouths with teeth.

- a. lighter
- b. stronger
- c. heavier

**5** Which body parts do NOT make birds light?

- a. their bones
- b. their beaks
- c. their feet

**6** How do birds fly in the sky?

Birds have perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for flying.





## STEP 1

Reread. Check True or Not True.

True

Not True

1 Birds keep their wings close to their bodies to fly.

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2 Some parts of birds' bodies make them light.

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## STEP 2

Go to pages 62 – 63.

Find and underline the text clue for each answer in STEP 1.



## Graphic Organizer

## Categorize

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

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Wings	• help them _____ the ground	• Birds' body parts _____ them fly.
Bones	• thin and _____ inside • make them very light	
Beaks	• _____ than mouths with teeth	

help

lighter

empty

lift off



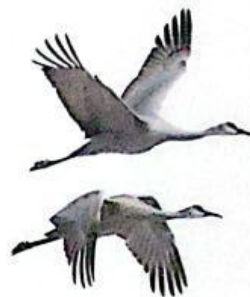
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Which object does not have *wings*, an airplane or a bicycle?



A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ does not have wings.

2. How do birds move their wings when they *flap* them?



They move their wings up and \_\_\_\_\_ when they flap them.

3. What do birds do after they *lift off* the ground?



They \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.

4. What does the dog do with the *bone*?



It \_\_\_\_\_ the bone.

5. Which room is *empty*?

a.



b.



6. Which is *lighter*?

a.



b.

