SCIENCE · BIRDS · GRADES 2–4

Beaks and What Birds Eat

Match seven beaks to the food they are shaped for, from a hummingbird to a pelican.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



A bird's beak is a tool. Its shape tells you what the bird eats.

Draw a line from each bird to the beak and food that fit it.

hummingbird ●	● a big pouch under its beak scoops up fish
eagle ●	● a short, thick beak cracks seeds
duck ●	● a sharp, hooked beak tears meat
woodpecker ●	● a long, thin beak sips nectar from flowers
cardinal ●	● a bent beak strains tiny shrimp from water
pelican ●	● a wide, flat beak scoops plants from water
flamingo ●	● a strong, pointed beak drills wood for bugs

Which beak would you want for your favorite food?

_____

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Parts of a Bird

Label the beak, eye, wing, tail and feet, then fill in two sentences.

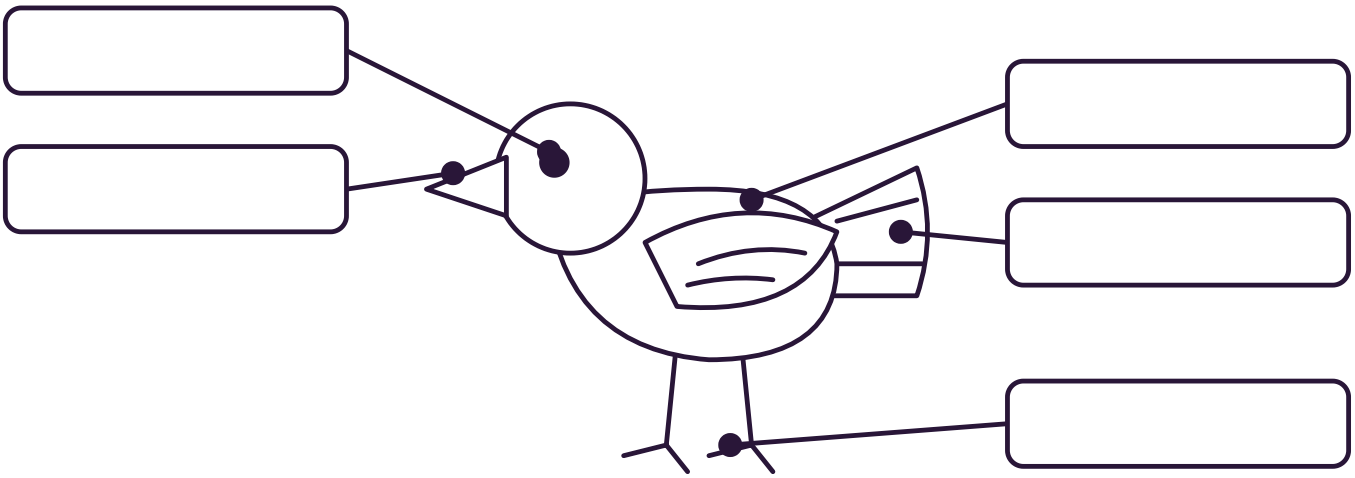
Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Word bank

beak | eye | wing | tail | feet

Write the name of each part.



Fill in the blanks.

1. A bird flaps each _____ to fly.

2. A bird uses its _____ to pick up food.

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What Makes a Bird?

Color the six things every bird has and put an X on the six it does not.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Color the 6 things every bird has. Put an X on the 6 things birds do not have.

feathers	fur	a beak
gills	wings	six legs
two legs	fins	lays eggs
teeth	a backbone	hands

Name a bird that cannot fly.

_____

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Bird Watching Tally

Watch birds for 15 minutes, tally each kind you see and tell which one you saw the most.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



How to do it: sit still by a window, a feeder or in a park for 15 minutes. Each time you see a bird, make a tally mark next to its kind. If you do not know its name, write what it looks like.

Place _____ **Time of day** _____

Kind of bird (or what it looks like)	Tally marks	Total
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

The bird I saw the most _____

The bird I saw the least _____

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Why Do Birds Migrate?

Fill in five sentences about migration, then mark four facts true or false.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



To **migrate** means to travel a long way each year when the seasons change.

Word bank

south | food | Arctic tern | flock | north

1. Fill in the blanks.

1. Many birds fly _____ in the fall.
2. They migrate to find more _____ in winter.
3. Birds often fly together in a group called a _____.
4. In spring, they fly back _____ to build nests.
5. The _____ flies from the Arctic to Antarctica and back every year.

2. Circle True or False.

All birds migrate.	True	False
Birds can use the sun and stars to find their way.	True	False
Some hummingbirds migrate too.	True	False
Penguins fly south for the winter.	True	False

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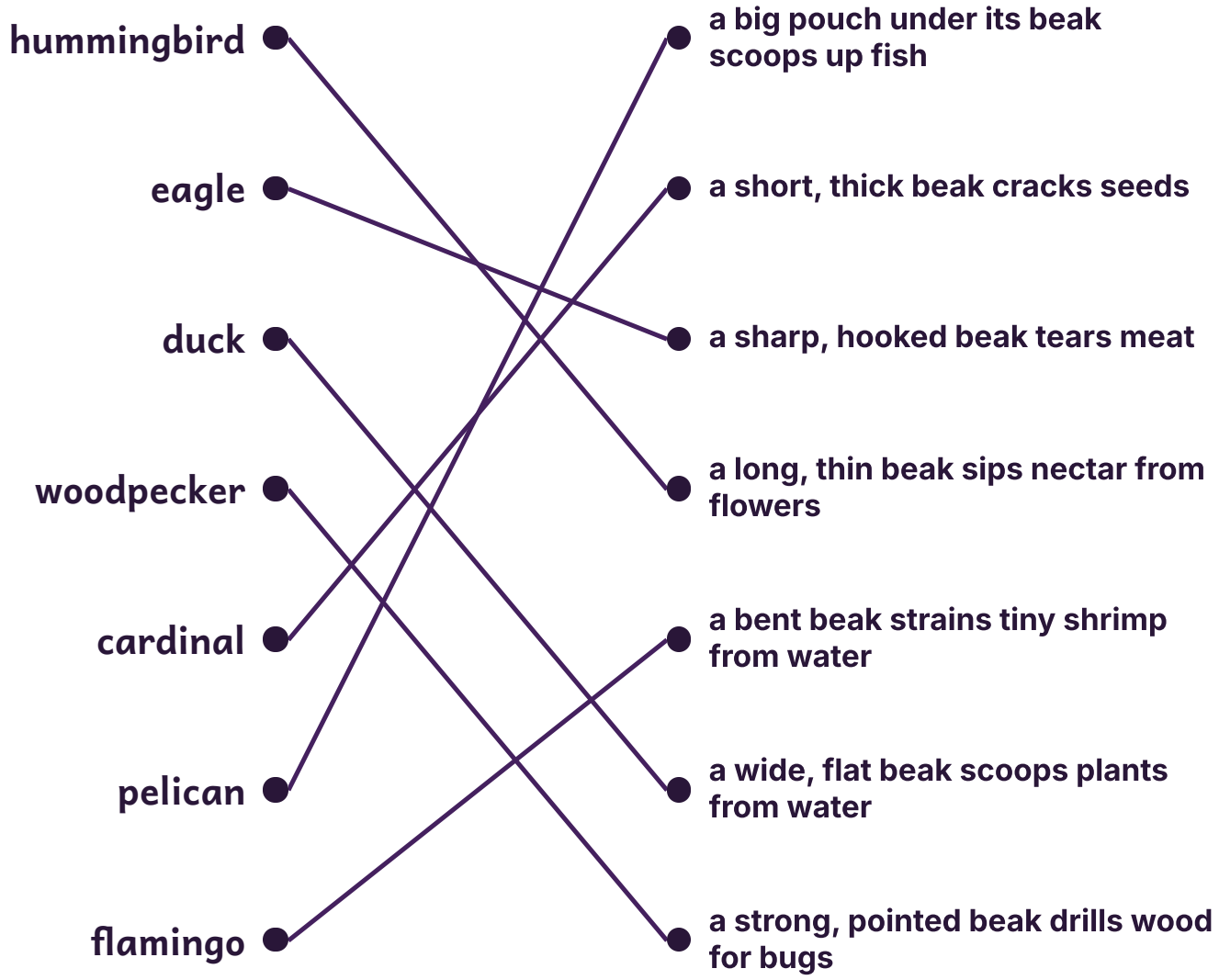
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Answer Key: Parts of a Bird

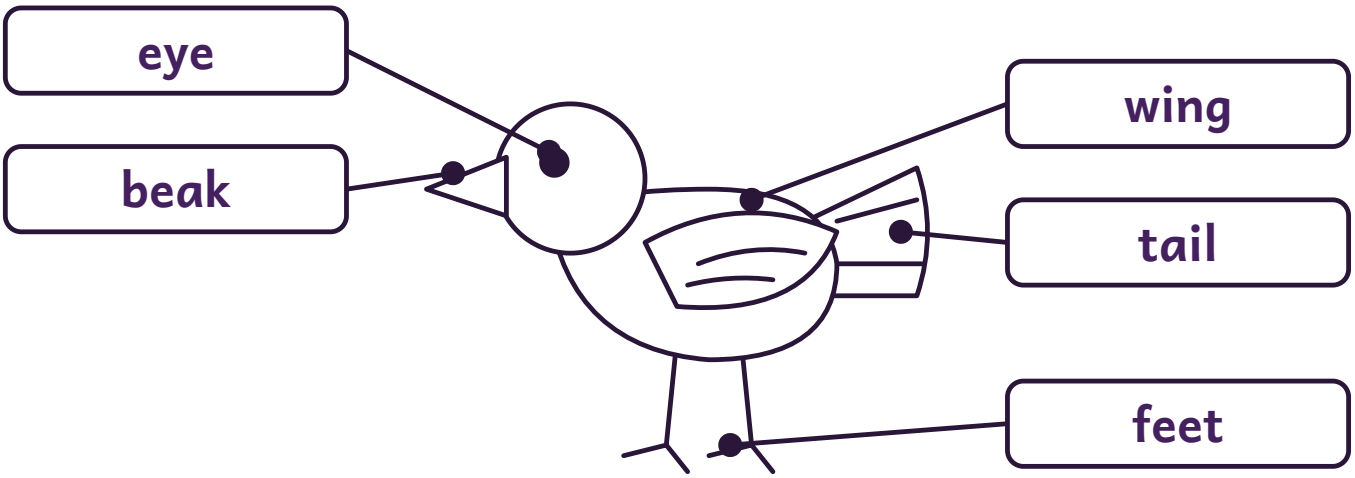
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ANSWER KEY · BIRDS · GRADES K–2

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