**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Birds of a Feather**

**Voor de docent**

In de lente trekken nog meer mensen erop uit om van de natuur te genieten. Vogelen is populair bij jong en oud. Een nieuwe game kan helpen vogels te herkennen.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Oriënterend lezen: Kan relevante informatie vinden en begrijpen in brochures en korte officiële documenten op internet of in andere media. (LEB1-2a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Birding is a year-round activity. It is extra popular now that spring has sprung.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name the four seasons of the year.

b Write down three or more birds by name.

**Birds of a Feather**

It’s spring. Some birds have stayed here all winter. But many other birds have spent our cold winter in warmer countries. Now they are back

Read more about birds and birding [here](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/profile-angry-birds-watch-out-teen-launches-mobile-game-for-birders).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. to spot | 1. an animal that has wings and is covered with feathers |
| 1. bird | 1. to copy exactly |
| 1. feathered | 1. created together with one or more other people |
| 1. claim to fame | 1. fun and thrill |
| 1. birding | 1. a group of animals or plants that are similar and related |
| 1. co-created | 1. to see or notice something that is difficult to see or find |
| 1. in person | 1. something that someone is trying to get or reach |
| 1. excitement | 1. a task or job that you must do |
| 1. youngest-ever | 1. the thing that makes someone important or interesting to know about |
| 1. wildlife | 1. used to say that a person is actually present at a place |
| 1. goal | 1. a very large black American bird which eats dead animals |
| 1. to replicate | 1. watching and studying wild birds in their natural surroundings |
| 1. species | 1. wild animals living in their natural surroundings |
| 1. mission | 1. with feathers on it |
| 1. condor | 1. the youngest person of all time (doing something or being somewhere) |

Assignment 3

a The news site is profiling cool kids doing cool things. What cool thing did Adam Dhalla do?

1 He created a birding game with the American Birding Association.

2 He has become rich as a millionaire by selling his birding game.

3 He helped create a game that lets players learn about birds.

4 He is the youngest birdwatcher in all of North America.

b What is the name of Adam Dhalla’s game?

1 Claim to Fame

2 Find the Birds

3 Learn About Birds

4 The Early Edition

c True or false?

1 The game takes place in different locations.

2 In the game, birds from all over the world can be seen.

3 When you play the game, your task is to notice birds along the way.

4 Collector cards give information about the birds that you can spot in the game.

5 The game can only be played with an active WiFi connection.

6 Later, new birds and birding spots will be added to the game.