



# *The Language of Birds*



## My favourite bird



### **Peacock**

**My favourite bird is peacock.**

**It is our national bird.**

**Peacock looks attractive due to its colourful feathers.**

**It has a long ,shining blue neck and a long ,colourful tail.**

**They have very sharp and shrill voice.**

**They have a crest or crown on their head.**

**Peacock eats grass, fruits, seeds, grains, worms and insects.**

**It lives on the hills or in the forest . They do not build nests.**

**Peacock feels very happy and start dancing when it sees the dark clouds in the sky**

**Peacock looks very beautiful when it dances .**

**It can fly up to a limited height.**

**The female peacock is called peahen.**

- **Which is your favourite bird? Write a brief description about your favourite bird.**



## A Soothing Song

### Picture Reading



It is a bright night. Stars are twinkling in the sky. A boy is standing near the window of his bedroom. He is looking outside. He is listening carefully.

Let's read the text **A Soothing Song**

## Nightingale

Click here to enjoy the Song of a nightingale.



It is a small bird.  
It is brown in colour.  
It has a thin beak.  
It eats fruits, nuts and insects.

Answer the following questions:

1. Who was Ivan ?

Ivan was a servant of a rich merchant in Russia.

2. What kind of a boy was Ivan?

Ivan was a bright and brave boy.

3. What kind of a man was the merchant?

The merchant was a cruel man.



4. Who sings sweet songs to Ivan?

A nightingale.

5. Why did Ivan wish to understand the language of birds?

He wanted to know the meaning of the lovely song of the Nightingale.

**New Words and their meanings.**

**Merchant** – trader. **വാപാരി**

**servant** - വേലക്കാരൻ

**bright** - intelligent

**brave** - courageous.

**Cruel** - ക്രൂരമായ

**toil** - to work very hard.

**Dawn** - day break.

**Dusk** - time just before night.

**soothe** - to make calm.

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**ACTIVITY 8**

'I wish I could understand the language of birds.'  
This was one of Ivan's dreams.  
Do you have such dreams? Write down your dreams.

1. I wish I could \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

KITE VIDEO

I wish I could sing like a cuckoo.  
I wish I could fly like an eagle.  
I wish I could climb Mount Everest.  
I wish I could walk on the Moon.

# Little Birdies



## Write the picture description

**The sky is clouded. It is raining heavily.  
The wind is blowing. The trees are swaying in the wind.  
Lightning is flashing. Thunder roars loudly.  
Ivan is standing under a big tree.  
There is a nest on the tree.  
There are four little birds in the nest. They are crying.**

## **Let's read**

### **Little Birdies**

One day the merchant sent Ivan to the forest to fetch firewood. Soon the winds rose, the sky became clouded, the lightning flashed, the thunder roared loudly, and the rain fell heavily. Ivan soon ran to the shelter of a large tree. He saw a big nest on one of its branches. Four small birds were there in the nest and there was no one to protect them from the wind and rain. Ivan felt pity to them. He climbed the tree and covered the little ones with his clothes. When the thunderstorm was over, the mother bird came back.





## Answer the following questions:

1. Who sent Ivan to the forest?

The merchant sent Ivan to the forest.

2. Why did the merchant send Ivan to the forest?

The merchant sent Ivan to fetch firewood.

3. What did Ivan see on the branch of the tree?

He saw a nest with four little birds in it.

4. How did Ivan protect the birdies?

He climbed the tree and covered the birdies with his clothes.

5. If you were there, what will you do to save the birdies?

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## Read textbook and fill in the blanks.

1. The ..... rose.

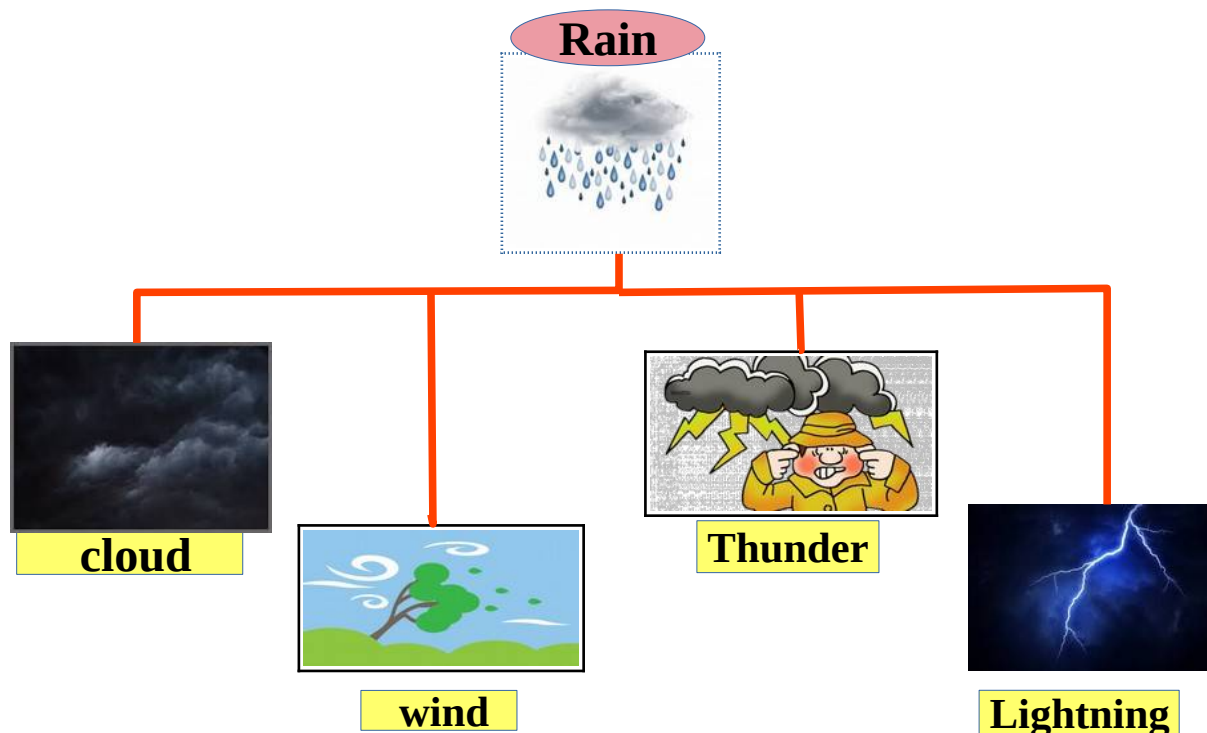
2. The ..... became clouded.

3. The lightning .....

4. The ..... roared loudly.

5. The ..... fell heavily.

## Who are the friends of Rain?



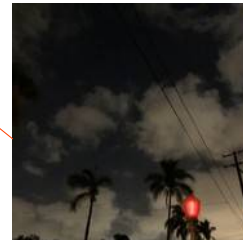
Match the phrases and words with suitable picture.



clouded sky



swaying trees in strong wind



Lightning flashed



roaring thunder

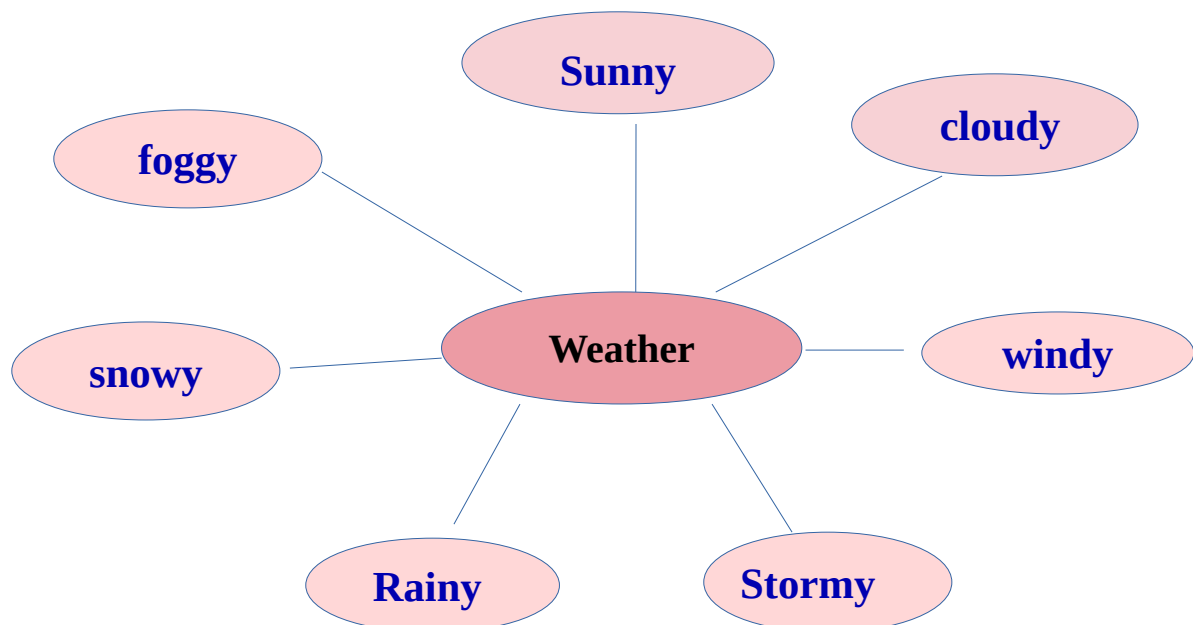
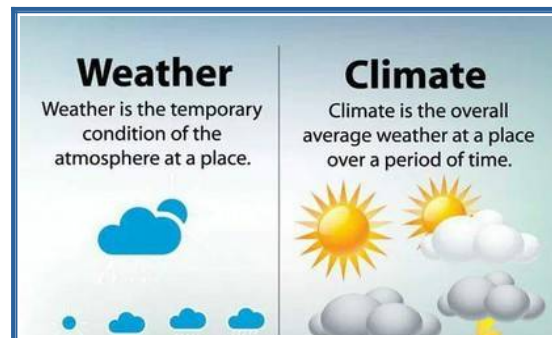
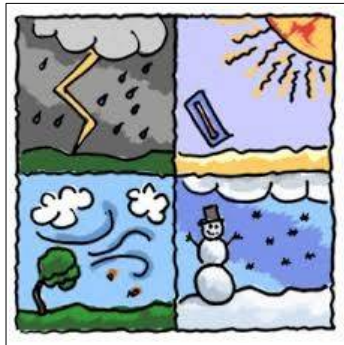


heavy rain



## What is weather?

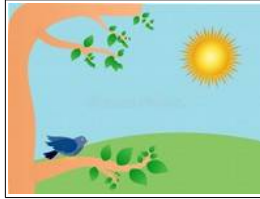
The **weather** is the condition of the atmosphere in **one** area at a particular time



## Weather



**Bright shining sun**



**Sunny**

**The sky full of clouds**



**Cloudy**

**Raining**



**Rainy**

**The wind is blowing**



**Windy**

**The snow is falling**



**Snowy**

**Filled with fog.**



**Foggy**



*sing the weather song:*



### **Weather song**

**The sun comes up,up,up  
Up,up,up.**

**The rain comes down, down,down  
Down, down, down.**

**How is the weather?**

**It's sunny,sunny,sunny.**

**How is the weather?**

**It's cloudy,cloudy cloudy.**

**And the sun comes up,up,up**

**Up ,up,up**

**And the rain comes down,down,down**

**Down, down, down.**

**How is the weather?**

**It's windy,windy,windy**

**How is the weather?**

**It's rainy,rainy,rainy .**



### **New Words and their meanings.**

**Fetch – bring , collect**

**roar – to make a loud noise.**

**protect – to keep safe.**

**Pity – feel sorry for**

**clothe - garments like pants, skirt etc. (വസ്ത്രം)**

**cloth – a woven fabric, material (തുണി)**

**firewood – wooden material used for fuel.**

### **The Teaching Bird**

- ◆ What do you see in the picture?
- ◆ Who are the characters?
- ◆ What are they talking?
- ◆ Can you write a conversation between Ivan and the Mother bird?



## Let's read

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### The Teaching Bird

'Thank you, Ivan. You protected my little children from cold and rain and I wish to do something for you. Tell me what I can do for you.'

Ivan was surprised to see a talking bird.

Ivan answered; 'You know our language. Will you teach me your language, the language of birds?'

'Stay with me for some days and you shall know it as we do.'

Ivan remained in the forest for a few days.

He learned the language of birds from the mother bird.

Ivan returned home happily.

## Answer the following questions:

1. What was Ivan's request to the mother bird?  
Ivan requested to teach him the language of birds.
2. Did mother bird teach him the language of birds?  
Yes. She taught him the language of birds.

## New Words and their meanings.

**Surprise** – a feeling of mild amazement, wonder,

**remain** - stay

**return** – go back

**Read textbook and fill in the blanks.**

1. Ivan was surprised to see a ----- .
2. Ivan ..... in the forest for a few days.
3. Ivan ..... the language of birds from the .....
4. Ivan returned home .....

## Let's read

### The Secret

That night Ivan was listening to the song of the nightingale.

Now he could understand its meaning.

Ivan spoke to the bird in its language.

'How did you learn our language?'

Flying towards him, the nightingale asked.

Ivan told the whole story to the nightingale.

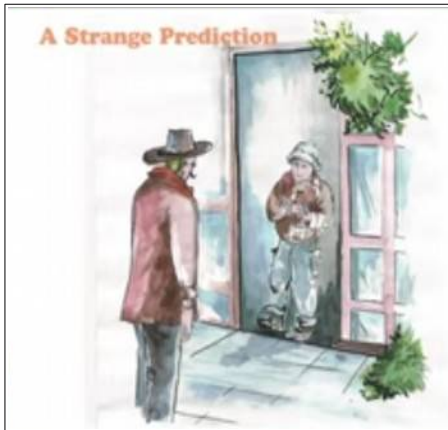
'I have a secret to tell you,' the bird said. 'What is it?' Ivan asked.

The bird whispered the secret in Ivan's ears. 'Ivan..., ' the merchant called him.

The nightingale flew away.



## A Strange Prediction.



‘Who were you talking to?’ the merchant asked.  
‘I was talking to a nightingale.’ Ivan replied.  
‘Talking to a nightingale! How can you do that?’  
‘I have learned the language of birds.’  
The merchant stared at Ivan in disbelief.  
‘What were you talking about?’ asked the merchant after a moment. Ivan was worried.  
He spoke in a broken voice.  
‘The nightingale said that I would become a king and you would become my servant!’

### Answer the following questions:

1. What was Ivan doing that night?

Ivan was listening to the song of the nightingale.

2. Could Ivan understand the meaning of the song?

Yes, he could understand the meaning of the song.

3. What surprised the nightingale?

Ivan spoke to the bird in its language.

4. What was the secret that the nightingale said to Ivan?

The nightingale said that Ivan become a king and the merchant would become a servant of Ivan.

### Words and their meanings.

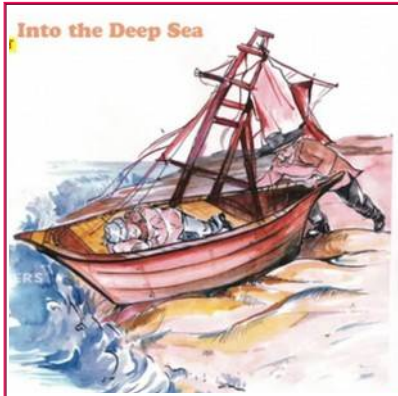
Secret – mystery (രഹസ്യം)

whisper - murmur

moment – a very short period of time

### Read the lesson and write the conversation between Ivan and the merchant.





## Into the Deep Sea



The merchant was worried and remained sleepless for weeks. One night the merchant gave Ivan a drink to make him drowsy. When Ivan had fallen asleep, the merchant laid him on a boat. He spread the white sails, and pushed the boat into the open sea.

1. Where is Ivan now?

Ivan is sleeping in a boat.

2. The merchant was worried and remained sleepless for weeks. Why?

The merchant was worried about the nightingale's prediction. He was afraid that Ivan would become the king and he will become a servant of Ivan.

3. What did the merchant do to Ivan one night?

One night merchant gave a drink to make Ivan drowsy . When Ivan had slept , the merchant laid him on a boat and pushed the boat into the deep sea.

### Thoughts of Ivan

When Ivan opened his eyes he was alone in a boat. He looked around. He could only see the endless sea around him.

What could be the thoughts of Ivan then?

**Oh,my God ! Where am I?**

**I can see only huge waves around me. Who put me here in the sea? Who will save me? Nobody is here to hear my cries. Oh, god! help me. Save my life.**



## Message from the Cranes



For a long time, the boat moved about on the waves and finally hit a large ship. The crew on the ship saw Ivan and felt pity for him. They took him to the ship. Standing on the deck, Ivan looked at the sky.

High, very high, up in the sky, Ivan saw some cranes.

The cranes were predicting a storm.

He said to the sailors, 'Be careful; I hear the birds predicting a storm. Let us enter a harbour or we'll be in danger.'

'You silly boy, keep quiet!' The captain of the ship said.

But Ivan requested him again and again.

1. What did the crew do?

The crew took him to the ship.

2. What do the cranes predict?

The cranes predict the storm

3. What was the captain's response?

The captain didn't listen Ivan's request. He thought Ivan was a silly boy.

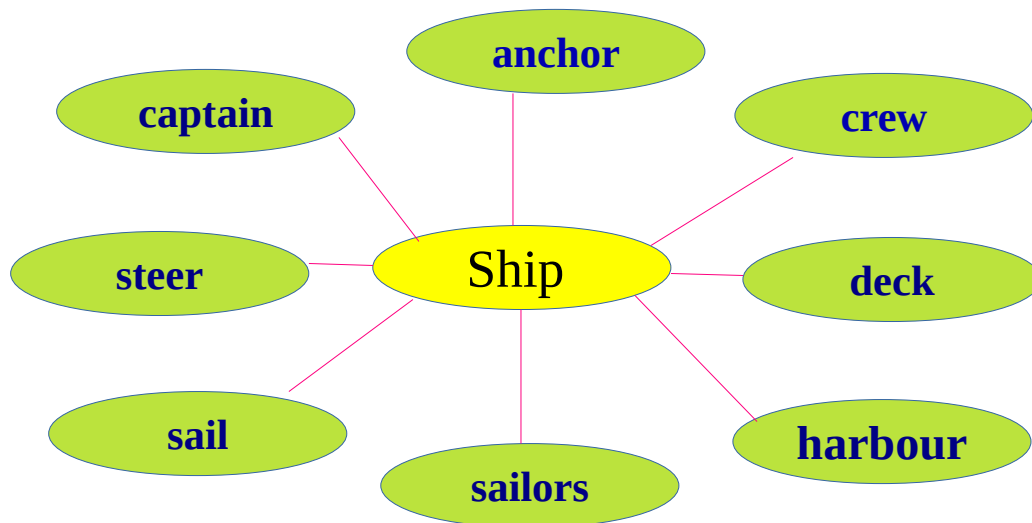


## The Storm



At last the captain steered the ship to the shore and anchored it. Within a short time, a storm broke out. Huge waves rose up to the sky. The wind roared. They saw huge waves breaking many ships sailing in the sea. 'You saved our lives,' the captain thanked Ivan.

**Let us develop a word web using words related to ship.**



## Noisy Birds



The king of the country was very much annoyed. Many crows perched on the windows, walls and roof of the palace and even on the trees nearby. No one knew how to get rid of them. Ivan went to the palace. 'Your Majesty, I'll get rid of the crows,' Ivan said. 'If you can do that, you can marry my daughter,' the king said. Ivan asked the servants to open the windows. He listened to the crows for a while. Then he went to the king again.

## Homeless Birds



Ivan bowed before the king and said, 'Oh, Lord! The crows are homeless because your men are cutting down the trees they are living on. They want your men to stop doing it.' The king ordered his men to stop cutting the trees. The crows flew away one after another and disappeared. The king got the princess married to Ivan. Thus Ivan became the king. He ruled the kingdom wisely. Birds always warned him about storms and disasters and Ivan took immediate actions to save his people. 'Long live King Ivan!' People praised his wisdom.

annoy - to irritate

perch - take rest on something.

Roof - മേല്ക്കൂര

get rid of - To be free of

bow - an act of bending the head or upper body as a sign of respect

disappear - vanish അപ്രത്യക്ഷമാവുക

disaster - calamity . ദുരന്തം

praise - സ്തുതിക്കുക the expression of respect and gratitude.

### Answer the following:

1. Why was the king of the country very much annoyed?

Many crows perched on the windows, walls and roof of the palace. No one knew how to get rid of them.

2. What was the problem of crows?

The crows were homeless because King's men were cutting down the trees.

3. What would happen if we cut down the trees?

If we cut down trees animals and birds will become homeless. Deforestation badly affect the natural ecosystem

## ACTIVITY 2

When Ivan became the king, he decided to protect the birds. He understood that the birds became homeless because the people had cut down the trees. Ivan ordered his people to stop cutting trees and asked them to paste posters for protecting trees.

Help them design a poster to highlight the need for protecting trees.

## POSTER

- \*It should be attractive.
- \*It should convey messages clearly.
- \* good layout
- \* It should be memorable.

## Main ideas.

- \* Don't cut trees
- \* Save trees , save life
- \* Plant a tree for free air.
- \* Take care of trees
- \* If you cut a tree, you kill a life.



## PROJECT WORK

We all listen to songs. We may or may not like them. If we like them, we say 'good', 'sweet', 'beautiful', etc. to speak about them. Find more such describing words from the story.

Name	Describing words
merchant	Cruel
Ivan	brave, bright
song	sweet
work	heavy
tree	large
nest	big
birds	small
voice	broken
ship	large
waves	huge

My friend Sonu is a **bright** and **brave** boy.  
 After **heavy** work, the farmer returned home.  
 I heard the cuckoo singing a **sweet** song.  
 A **large** tree fell down in **strong** wind.  
 I have a **little** pet cat.

## ACTIVITY 6

Write down some sentences beginning with 'all' or 'some'. One is done for you.



wings

All birds have wings.



beaks

All birds have beaks.



webbed feet

Some birds have webbed feet.



feathers

All birds have feathers.



talons

Some birds have talons.

## A New Servant



### Words and their meanings.

Shabby - dirty ,മുഷിഞ്ഞ

Wealth - സമ്പത്ത്

Serve - സേവിക്കുക

Appoint - നിയമിക്കുക

### **Answer the following**

1. How was the old man ?

The old man was in shabby clothes. He was so tired.

2. What was the request of the old man?

The old man requested that let him to stay in the palace and serve the King Ivan.

3. Did Ivan appoint the old man as his servant?

Yes. Ivan appointed the old man as his servant.

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