

Robin



I am a robin.

I am a small bird with an orange-red breast.



When I was young I was a spotty brown colour.

Can you spot the difference between an adult robin and a young robin?

I enjoy hopping around, but I may need to fly quickly out of danger or to a perch to warn another robin away.

In March I was hatched from an egg.

I had two brothers and two sisters.

How many young robins were there?

My nest was built in a hedge.

It was built from dead leaves, moss and hair.

We robins do not like people discovering our nests; we may even abandon the nest.

Why do you think a robin might abandon its nest?

We can nest in many different places, such as: holes in walls, sheds, tea pots, old kettles.

Can you think of an unusual place where a robin might like to nest?

When I was a chick my mother kept me warm whilst my father went looking for food to feed the family.

I like to eat earthworms, but I will also eat spiders, fruit, berries and seeds.

When gardeners dig the ground they may turn up earthworms for me.

If you are gardening you may find me close by.

Why do you think robins would be interested in moles?

When the weather is cold I will eat food from bird tables.

Singing

You will often hear me singing.

I will sing to let the local females know where I am living.

I will also sing to warn other male robins to keep away.

As soon as I see another robin's red breast this alerts me to defend my territory.

One day I saw my own reflection in a mirror and attacked the mirror.

Christmas cards

Have you seen a robin on a Christmas card?

See if you can find the following words:

Robin, red, sing, hop

C	Z	R	E	D
H	O	O	T	I
O	G	B	O	N
P	S	I	N	G
A	I	N	Q	U

How many points can you get?

Task	Tick	Points
Have you seen a robin?		1
Did you notice its red breast?		2
Did you hear it sing?		4
Total points		

Please try to answer these questions:

What colour is a young robin?

Why will a robin be interested in a gardener at work?

What do robins like to eat?

Why will a robin eat from a bird table?

Why do you think a robin would attack a mirror?