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HE LEAVES THE NEST

A. Warmer

1. Which is your favourite bird and why ?
2. Which bird wakes you up very early in the morning ?
What do you like/dislike about it ?
3. Name some of the birds which are found in your surroundings.
4. Why should one not kill a bird for sport ?

He leaves the nest;

And flaps his wings;

And stops and struts;

And bit by bit,

He makes his way

To top of tree:

And,

His neck up,

His tail up,

His foot up,

His comb up,



The cock lifts
His voice up,
And
CROWS.

-ANONYMOUS

(Translated from Sanskrit by John Brough)

Words to know

nest	नेस्ट	घोंसला
flaps	फ्लैप्स	फड़फड़ाता है
struts	स्ट्रट्स	अकड़कर चलता है
bit by bit	बिट नाई बिट	थोड़ा-थोड़ा
comb	कम्ब	कलगी, मुर्गा के माथे पर लाल फूल
crows	क्रोज	बाँग देता है

B. Let's Think and Tell

- Why do you think the bird leaves the nest ?
- Where does the bird make its way ?
- Who lifts his voice up ?

C. Think and Write

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C.1. Write in the boxes whether the following statements are True or False :

(a) The cock does not flap his wings.

(b) He reaches the top of tree instantly (at once).

(c) The cock is in action after he leaves the nest.

(d) The cock crows in a loud voice.

C.2. Complete the following lines on the basis of the poem you have read :

He leaves the _____

And _____ his wings.

And stops, and _____

And _____

He makes his _____

To _____

And

His _____ up

C.3. Answer the following questions :

(a) What does the cock do after leaving his nest ?

(b) How does he reach the top of tree ?

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4. This train _____ at Patna Junction. You can _____ the train from here.
5. A parrot eats mango _____.
6. The monkey reached the _____ of tree and jumped from there.
7. He wore a scarf round his _____.
8. A dog has a twisted _____.
9. The _____ of a crow is not sweet.
10. A porter _____ heavy luggage.

D.3. Complete the following sentences by inserting suitable verbs from the brackets :

Ex : He leaves the nest.

- My mother _____ in an office. (works, cooks)
- My father _____ in a college. (sings, teaches)
- A tailor _____ clothes. (stitches, breaks)
- He _____ his hair. (polishes, combs)
- My brother _____ well. (sings, hates)
- A dog _____ its tail in pleasure. (flaps, wags)
- He _____ in a rented house. (lives, rests)
- Madan Babu _____ poetry. (speaks, writes)

E. Let's Learn

Using 'bit by bit' and make one's way.

'bit by bit' means slowly or gradually

'Make one's way' means go.



- (c) Describe the posture in which the cock crows.
- (d) How can you relate your life with that of a cock ?

D. Let's increase word power

D.1. Match the words under Column 'A' with their meanings given under Column 'B' :

A	B
flaps	red flash crest of cocks.
wings	a place where birds live and lay their eggs.
struts	the end/last part of an animal.
nest	walks proudly.
tail	the part with which a bird flies.
comb	moves up and down or from side to side.

D.2. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box :

bit by bit	top	lifts	leaves	neck
nests	voice	flies	stops	wings
board	tail			

1. My father _____ for office at 9 a.m.
2. Birds make their _____ in trees.
3. A bird _____ through its _____.



Examples :

I ate an apple bit by bit.

He made his way to office.

E.1. Make sentences with 'bit by bit' and 'make one's way'.

F. Let's Do

Make a list of wild birds and pet birds :

Wild Birds	Pet Birds
