

SPRING BIRDS

There's a small house, open all year round.

I think, there can't be small houses that are open all year round. Don't you think so, kids? Or maybe it's a riddle that I am sure you can easily guess. Let's try and guess the riddle in 60 seconds - that is in one minute, ok?

To do this, you'll need a watch to set the time for one minute. In Three, Two, One! Let's start. Go!

Now listen to the riddle once again. There's a small house, open all year round. What is it?

You are right. It's a birdhouse.

Has anybody seen a real birdhouse?

Have you tried to fix it on a tree-trunk?

Has anybody tried to make one of your own?

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Now let's try and guess what early spring bird can "talk" like this?

"I'm back, I'm back, I'm back.

I was, I was, I was.

My home's here, here, here.

I couldn't find her.

Go, go, go!

Let's guess in sixty seconds - one minute. You'll need a watch to set the time for one minute. Write down the answer that you think is right, and stop the watch when you are done. Wait for the correct answer. In Three, Two, One - Go!

Starling

BIRDHOUSES

Peter's Grandpa made a small box of wooden planks. In one of its four sides he drew a hole-like window. Then he stuck a stick underneath it.

"What's that, Grandpa?" asked little Peter.

"A house", he answered.

"What's it for?"

"You'll see."

Grandpa took the little house to the tree and fixed it there. Everyday Peter ran out to look at the little house.

One day he heard a sweet song coming from the garden. The boy ran out and saw a starling sitting on a branch and whistling. Peter hurried back home to tell his Grandpa. The Grandpa said, "Now you know what the little house is for."