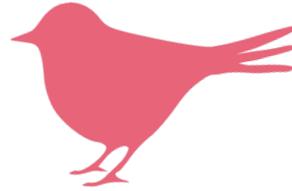




Real Example Sentences



Bird Meaning

The word bird has more than one meaning. The most common, and the one we all know is

- a creature that is covered with feathers and has two wings and two legs. Most birds can fly.

- There's a **bird's** nest in the big oak tree in my backyard.

In the past in England, BIRD was used as an offensive way of referring to a young woman

- I'm gonna go talk to that cute **bird** in the corner.

[bird_noun OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com](http://bird_noun.OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com)

*I'm Canadian, we don't use the word like that in Canada. I wonder if it is still common in other countries to use the word BIRD to mean women.

Bird Idioms

A Bird In A Gilded Cage - someone who is trapped in a luxurious but confining or restrictive situation.

- Despite Bethany's lavish lifestyle, the celebrity felt like **a bird in a gilded cage**, constantly being watched and hunted by the media.

A Bird In The Hand Is Worth Two In The Bush - it is better to keep something that you already have than to risk losing it by trying to get much more

- I know you want to invest in those stocks, but they seem risky. Remember, **a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.**

A Little Bird Told Me - used to say that somebody told you something but you do not want to say who it was

- **A little bird told me** that you got a promotion at work. Congratulations!

As Free As A Bird - complete freedom; you can do whatever you like

- After her retirement, my grandmother decided to travel the world on a year-long luxury cruise. She felt **as free as a bird.**

As The Crow Flies - the shortest distance between two points.

- Even though the two towns were only 10 miles apart **as the crow flies**, the winding roads and steep hills made the drive take almost an hour.



Bird-Brained - someone who is scatterbrained or forgetful is called Bird-Brained.

- I forgot my keys again. Sometimes I feel like I'm a bit **bird-brained.**

Birds Eye View - Can you guess what this idiom means? A bird's eye is the eye of a bird.

View can mean – what you can see from a certain place

Birds can fly high in the sky, so we can imagine that a bird's eye view must be a view of something from a high position looking down.

- I got a **bird's eye view** of Toronto from the airplane. I was lucky to have a window seat.

This idiom comes from my blog post - [31 English Idioms with EYE \(Free PDF – Real Examples\)](#)

Birds Of A Feather (Flock Together) - people who have similar interests, beliefs, or personalities, tending to spend time with each other.

- In high school, all of the jocks hang out together while all the theater kids hung out together, proving that **birds of a feather flock together**.

Chicken Out - to become becomes fearful and back out of a situation.

- I was supposed to go bungee jumping today, but I **chickened out** at the last minute.

Crazy As A Loon - refers to someone who is eccentric or insane.

- Sarah's uncle believes that aliens are controlling his mind, and he talks to them through his microwave, he's as **crazy as a loon**.

*We can also call someone loony to mean eccentric or insane.

- Sarah's uncle is **loony**.

Did you know? The Canadian \$1 coin has a picture of a loon on it. The nickname of this coin is a **loonie**.

- "I need some change for the bus, can I borrow a **looine**?"

[Wiktionary](#)

Dead as a Dodo - something that is extinct or no longer exists.

- In this digital age, traditional mail may soon be **dead as a dodo**.

Eagle Eye - to have very good vision or to pay close attention to something.

- The coach has an **eagle eye** and can spot potential in any player. He is also good at noticing your weak points and giving you helpful tips to improve.



Eat Like A Bird - to eat very little.

- On our first few dates, my girlfriend **ate like a bird**. She would only order a salad at a restaurant with no dessert.

For The Birds - not worthwhile or of little value.

- I never read that newspaper, their coverage of events is not balanced. It's **for the birds** if you ask me.

Give Somebody The Bird - to make an obscene gesture with the middle finger.

- Some maniac cut me off on my way to work so I **gave him the bird**.

Graceful As A Swan - Refers to someone who moves with elegance and poise.

- The way the princess walked in her long dress and high heels was so elegant, she was as **graceful as a swan**.

Kill Two Birds With One Stone - accomplishing two things at the same time.

- Biking to work **kills two birds with one stone**. It saves money on gas and parking and helps me stay fit.

Like A Duck To Water - Very naturally; without effort. [Wiktionary](#)

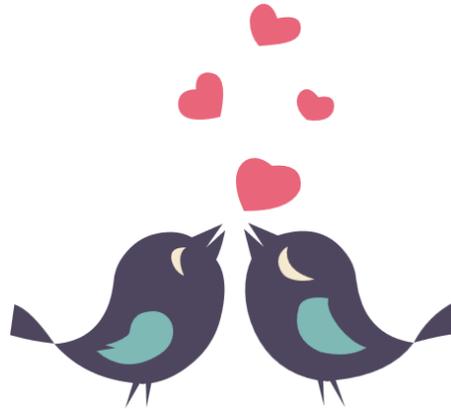
- My little brother loved skating before he could walk. He took to hockey **like a duck to water**. I'm sure he will go pro after college.

Like Water Off A Duck's Back - that doesn't affect someone at all, as they are able to let it roll off like water off a duck's feathers.

- Wanda gets criticized all the time by her coworkers, but it's **like water off a duck's back** to her. She doesn't let their negativity bother her.

Lovebirds - two people who are very affectionate with each other and clearly in love with each other.

- My sister and her husband are real **lovebirds**, they can't stop holding and kissing each other. At first, it was cute, but I'm starting to get tired of it.



Night Owl - a person who is active or productive during the night.

- My neighbor is a **night owl**, I see his office light on all night long.



Proud As A Peacock - extremely proud of themselves or something they have achieved.

- After acing all of his exams, Winston was **proud as a peacock**. He was sure to get into his college of choice.

Swan Song - a final performance or act before retirement or ending something.

- Her upcoming concert will be her **swan song**. Rumor Has It that she will retire from music after that.

Take Someone Under Your Wing - give someone under your guidance or protection and help them to learn or succeed.

- The senior manager liked the new recruit and decided to **take him under his wing**.

The Early Bird Gets The Worm - if you wake up early and start your day early you have an advantage in getting things done.

- My dad always told me that in order to succeed in life, I should wake up early and start my day with a purpose, because **the early bird catches the worm**.



This Bird Has Flown - a person has left a situation or place or a chance has passed by.

- A: I'd like to apply for the new Deputy manager position.
B: Unfortunately, we filled that position yesterday morning. I'm sorry, **that bird has flown**.

To Flip Someone The Bird - Refers to making an obscene gesture with the middle finger.

- The driver who cut me off in traffic got a little surprise when I **flipped him the bird**.

To Kill The Goose That Lays The Golden Egg - To ruin or stop something that was earning money for you.

- They fired Michael last week because the boss was angry. The problem is that Michael was the number one salesman in the company. The boss just **killed the goose that lays the golden eggs**. What a terrible mistake.

This idiom comes from my blog post - [Idioms with EGG \(14 Real Example Sentences + Video\)](#)

Ugly Duckling - someone who may be unattractive or awkward in their youth, but grows up to be beautiful or successful.

- When she was a child, she felt like an **ugly duckling**, but she grew up to be a beautiful and confident woman.

Wing It - improvising or making something up as you go along.

- I didn't have time to prepare for the speech, so I had to **wing it**.

Wild Goose Chase - pursuing something that is unlikely or impossible to achieve. A waste of time.

- The boss sent us on a **wild goose chase**, asking us to find a document that didn't exist.



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