

Bird Talk

CBSE, English, Class III, Unit - 2

The bird calls.... the bird talk.....

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Ball and bird name game: I asked the students to form a circle and then I threw a ball to a student (randomly) and the student named a bird. I have played this game to get bird names from my students, and they have told us many local birds names. Kingfisher, parrot and crow are all given in English, and other birds like sparrow and crane are given in Tamil. This activity helps the students to brainstorm on bird names they know already.

Paper bird making: I asked the students to bring old invitation cards to make paper birds. Many brought and shared them among themselves for the activity. We all made bird puppets together, which are now all hanging on our school wall. They wrote their name and the bird's name on their model and coloured it as well. Students enjoyed doing the activity. When their parents come to school and see the class, they are very happy when they saw their children's work.

Identifying bird calls: I played audio tracks of different bird calls and songs and asked the

students to identify the birds by listening to the calls. The students identified five birds: owl, woodpecker, sparrow, parrot and cuckoo. Then I showed them pictures of a robin and a jay and played their call (song). When I did this activity, there was too much background noise, so I couldn't complete this activity. The students couldn't hear all the sounds of the bird calls.

I prepared a poem chart and sung the song with a proper rhythm. I asked the students to sing the song along with me. Then I encouraged the students to sing individually and in groups. I gave them a colouring sheet with a robin and jay and asked the students to colour it. I helped the students in identify the rhyming words in the poem. I divided the students into two groups and asked them to differentiate people and birds by using flashcards. The sentences given by the students were written on the blackboard. The students were able to identify the differences between human beings and birds.



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