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# bird

noun, often attributive | \ˈbɜrd\



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## Definition of BIRD

- archaic*: the young of a feathered vertebrate
- : any of a class (*Aves*) of warm-blooded vertebrates distinguished by having the body more or less completely covered with feathers and the forelimbs modified as wings



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- : a game bird
- : CLAY PIGEON
- a**: FELLOW
- b**: a peculiar person
- c** *chiefly British*: GIRL
- : SHUTTLECOCK
- chiefly British*
  - a hissing or jeering sound expressive of disapproval
  - dismissal from employment
- : a thin piece of meat rolled up with stuffing and cooked
- : a man-made object (as an aircraft, rocket, or satellite) that resembles a bird especially by flying or being aloft
- : an obscene gesture of contempt made by pointing the middle finger upward while keeping the other fingers down —usually used with *the* —called also *finger*

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— bird-like | \-,ˈlɪk\ | adjective

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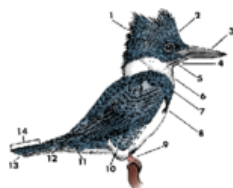


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### Origin of BIRD

Middle English *brid*, *bird*, from Old English *bridd*

First Known Use: before 12th century

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*verb*

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*biographical name* | \ˈbɜrd\

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### BIRD Defined for Kids

## bird

*noun* | \ˈbɜrd\




#### Definition of BIRD for Kids

: an animal that lays eggs and has wings and a body covered with feathers

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