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# Questions



1. Find and copy the word that means 'to sit on eggs to keep them warm until they hatch'.

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2. What feature is something that only birds have?

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3. Number the words from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

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# Answers



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**incubate**



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**Birds are the only animals that have feathers.**

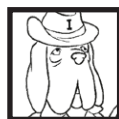


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**2** wings

**3** eggs

**1** vertebrates



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**Pupil's own responses, such as: I think that the baby birds inside the eggs would not grow and hatch if they were not incubated and kept warm.**