

# Morning Starters: Summer 2 - Wetland Wonders

## Word Challenge

**Write a synonym for each word underlined in the 'Did you know?' paragraph.**

**Note:** A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

## Did You Know?

The Somerset Levels are famous for its starlings. During autumn and winter, millions of starlings gather in the area and create breathtaking displays in the sky, called murmurations. They frequently do this to stay warm, communicate and avoid predators. Starlings occupy the levels in such large numbers because the wetland offers plenty of food and shelter during the colder months.

## Number Challenge

The Somerset Levels see an estimated 5,000 starlings arrive each day.

**If this continues for 14 days, how many starlings will have arrived by the end of that period?**

## Grammar Challenge

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**Copy the sentence below, adding a parenthesis.**

Starlings create swirling patterns in the sky.

**Example:** Starlings create swirling patterns in the sky (a phenomenon known as murmuration).

**Note:** A parenthesis is a pair of brackets, dashes or commas, used to add extra information to a sentence.



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## Critical Thinking

**What are the main similarities between a starling murmuration and a flock of sheep?**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday