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# Morning Starters: Autumn 1 - Nature's Builders

### Word Challenge

Bowerbirds can be found in Australia. The word 'Australia' starts and ends with the same letter.

List all of the words that appear in the 'Did you know?' paragraph that start and end with the same letter.

### Grammar Challenge

# Click text to edit Starting with a simile, copy and complete the following sentence.

Like \_\_\_\_\_\_, he adorned his bower with a scarlet heart.

**Challenge:** Now write a descriptive follow-on sentence that includes a hyphenated adjective.

## Did You Know?

Bowerbirds are native to Australia and New Guinea. The males are renowned for their extraordinary creativity and artistic flair. To attract a mate, they construct intricate structures made from twigs. Called bowers, these impressive stages are designed to captivate females. Each bower is decorated with a collection of items that include natural treasures like shells and leaves, as well as brightly coloured man-made objects such as bottle caps and bits of plastic or foil.

#### Where in the world is New Guinea Click the 🤦

#### Number Challenge

**Fact:** There are 27 different species of bowerbird.

27 appears in the following cubed number sequence:

1, 8, 27, 64, ...

# What are the next 3 numbers in this sequence?

**Help:** 1 = 1x1x1 8 = 2x2x2 27 = 3x3x3

#### Critical Thinking

What do you think is more important when building something – how it looks or what it can do?

Why do you think this?



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