TEACHER GUIDE + ANSWER KEYS

Birds

Plan it. Teach it. Check it.

Students compare bird structures, behaviors, and habitats.

K-5 | Science | 30-45 minutes | No student accounts

INSIDE THIS GUIDE

Mini lesson + standards + 16-word vocabulary bank + every objective answer key

One file. One click. One complete packet.

Keep this guide with the adult copy. It contains teaching notes and answers for the separate student handout.

TEACHER GUIDE

Teach Birds in three moves

A flexible mini lesson for a whole-group warm-up, center, substitute plan, or early-finisher extension.

1. Wonder

Which bird feature would be most useful to observe first?

2. Play + practise

Play one Wonderplay game together. Then complete one or more printable activities from this packet.

3. Explain

Name one bird structure and connect it to a function.

Quick success check

Listen for accurate vocabulary, one complete idea, and a detail connected to the activity.

Suggested sequence

1. 5 min - Ask the warm-up and collect two predictions.
2. 10 min - Project or share one online Wonderplay game.
3. 15-25 min - Choose a maze, word search, dot-to-dot, or coloring page.
4. 5 min - Revisit vocabulary and collect the exit ticket.

DIFFERENTIATION

Support: preview six vocabulary words and let partners solve one page together. Challenge: require three vocabulary words in the exit response, then ask students to design a new clue or question.

STANDARDS CONNECTIONS Connections: NGSS 1-LS1-1, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-2

VOCABULARY

Birds words to know

Use these words before, during, and after play. Cut apart the boxes for matching cards or keep the page as a reference sheet.

Beak

a bird's hard mouth structure

Talon

a sharp claw used for gripping

Feather

a light body covering unique to birds

Flock

a group of birds

Migration

seasonal movement from one region to another

Nest

a place where birds lay eggs

Wingspan

the distance from one wingtip to the other

Preen

to clean and arrange feathers

VOCABULARY

Birds words to know

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Hatchling

a young bird newly out of its egg

Plumage

all of a bird's feathers

Camouflage

coloring that helps an animal blend in

Shorebird

a bird adapted to edges of water

Songbird

a bird known for learned calls or songs

Raptor

a bird that hunts with strong talons

Adaptation

a feature or behavior that helps survival

Habitat

the place a living thing gets what it needs

ANSWER KEY

Birds Vocabulary Practice

Keep this page with the teacher copy. Student results may vary on creative activities.

1. Beak - F

2. Talon - G

3. Feather - H

4. Flock - A

5. Migration - B

6. Nest - C

7. Wingspan - D

8. Preen - E

ANSWER KEY

Birds Knowledge Check

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1. A - Beak

2. A - Talon

3. C - Feather

4. A - Flock

5. B - Migration

6. C - Nest

Written response: Accept accurate ideas supported by one detail from the game, printable, or vocabulary bank.

ANSWER KEY

Bird Word Search

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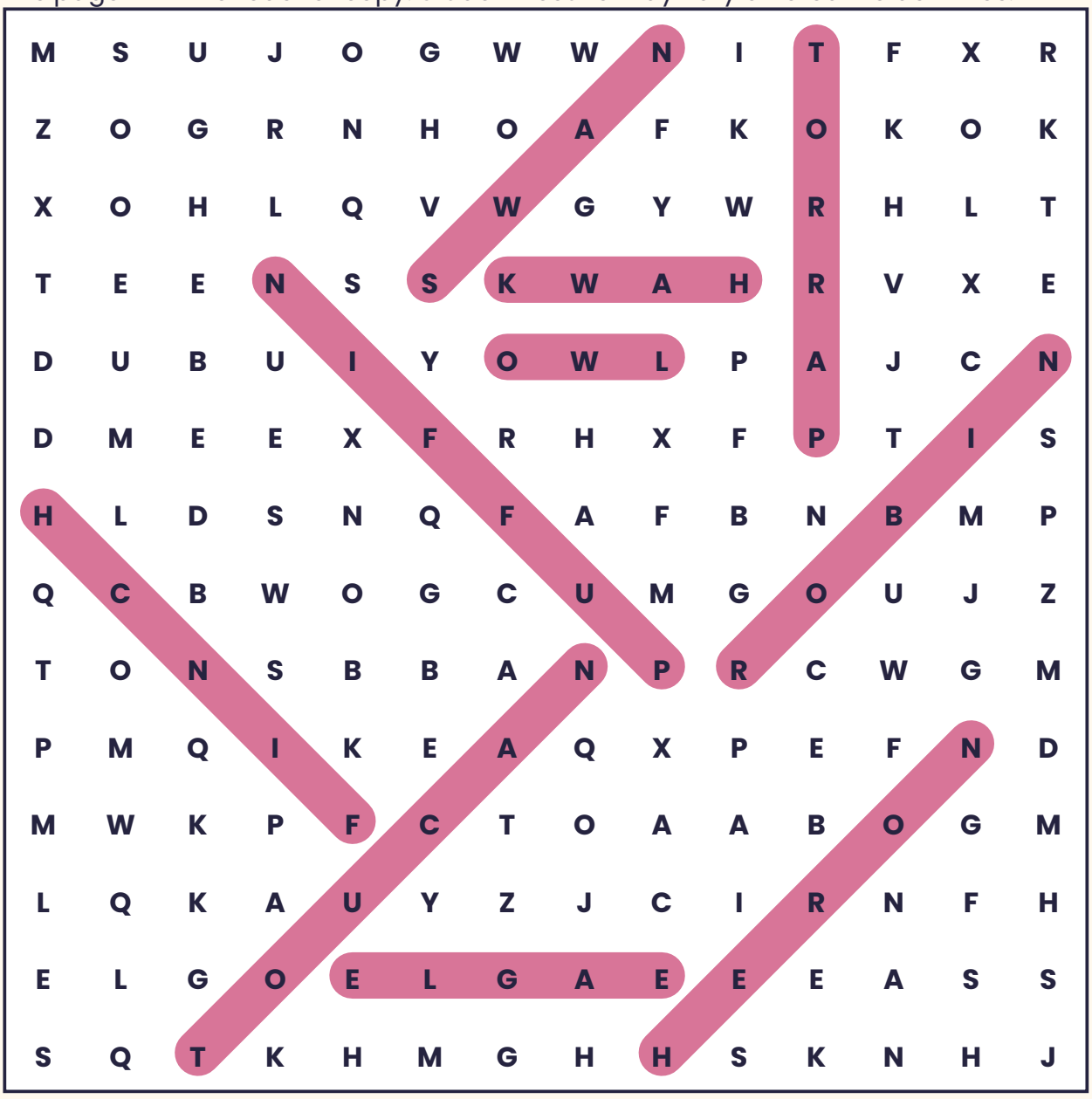

ANSWER KEY

Bird Maze

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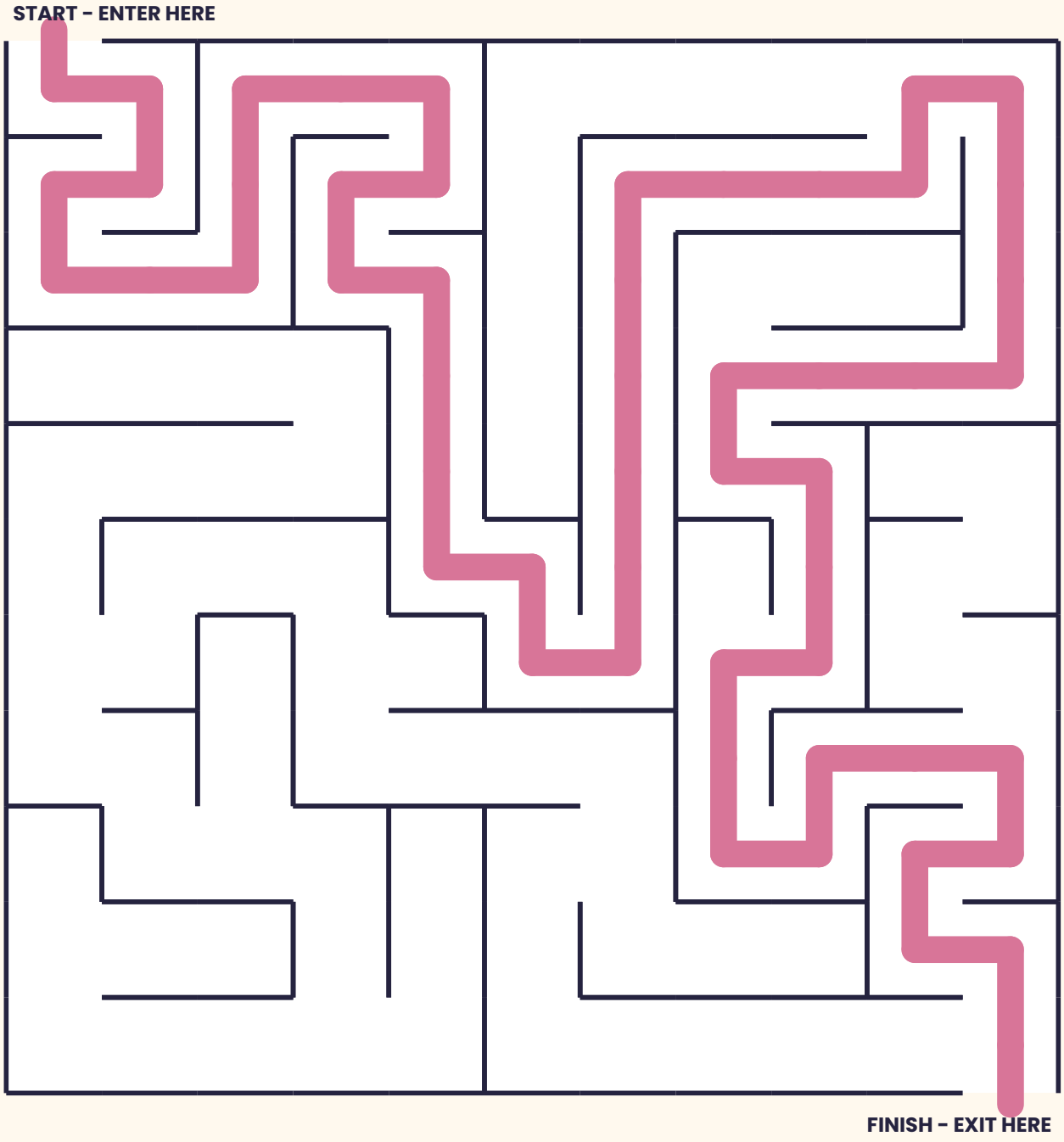

ANSWER KEY

Bird Dot to Dot

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