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Bird Beak Game

**Find out what you need to play the bird
beak game.**

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Instructions

What is the aim of the bird beak game?

- **Get different types of 'food' and try picking them with a range of 'beaks'**
- **If there are two or three of you, race against each other to see who can pick up the most food with their chosen beak. Does one beak work better than the other?**

What do I need?

1) A variety of 'beaks'

- **Anything that acts a bit like pliers**
- **Tweezers**
- **Sieve**
- **Small aquarium net**
- **BBQ tongs**
- **Two forks**
- **Scissors**

2) A range of 'food'

- **grass**
- **cotton wool**
- **crunchy food**
- **squishy food**
- **Sweets like marshmallows**
- **raisins**
- **string**

Don't forget pots to put your 'food' into once you have collected it with your beak!

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How do we play it?

Watch Ben's video about the Bird Beak Game to get some ideas. As extra challenges you can.....

- Anything that acts a bit like pliers – try picking up lots of crunchy food to crush
- Tweezers – try picking up raisins against the clock
- Sieve – put a small bit of cereal in a bowl and add water. How much food can you scoop out?
- Small aquarium net – Get ready! Throw cotton wool balls in the air and try and catch them with your net.
- Fork – with two forks try pulling apart squishy sweets like ripping apart your prey!
- BBQ tongs – mix up soil with water in a pot. Add cut up bits of string. How many 'worms' can you pull out?
- Scissors – for cutting up grass like geese and swans.

What happened?

Which beaks worked best for eating which food?

Which food was easiest to pick up with a beak?

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Which birds match which beak?



Seed eaters like sparrows and finches have short thick conical beaks for cracking seeds **Pliers**



Curlew have long thin beaks for sticking deep down in mud and pulling up worms. **BBQ tongs**

Shoveler ducks have long flat bills that *strain* small plants and animals from the water

Sieve



Robins and warblers have thin pointed beaks to *pick* little bugs and insects out of wood and off plants **Tweezers**

Swallows, sand martins *catch* their food on the wing so have large open mouths and small beak which acts like an insect net **Small net**



Birds of prey like owls and hawks have sharp curved beaks for *tearing* meat

Two forks – one as talons, one as beak

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