

Class III

ENGLISH CASE STUDY(Teacher-English Mam)

Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions :

Birding as a competitive event is organized in some parts of the world. The birding competitions encourage individuals or teams to accumulate large numbers of species within a specified time or area with special rules. Some birdwatchers will also compete by attempting to increase their life list, national list, state list, provincial list, county list, or [year list](#). Such events have been criticised, especially those claimed to aid conservation when they may actually mask serious environmental issues, or where competitive birding involves large amounts of driving.

Many birders occupy themselves with observing local species (birding in their "local patch, but may also make specific trips to observe birds in other locales. The most active times of the year for birding in [temperate](#) zones are during the spring or fall [migrations](#) when the greatest variety of birds may be seen. On these occasions, large numbers of birds travel north or south to wintering or nesting locations. Early mornings are typically better as the birds are more active and vocal making them easier to spot.

Certain locations such as the local patch of forest, wetland and coast may be favoured according to the location and season. [Seawatching](#), or pelagic birding, is a type of birding where observers based at a coastal watch point, such as a headland, watch birds flying over the sea. This is one form of [pelagic](#) birding, by which pelagic bird species are viewed. Another way birders view pelagic species is from seagoing vessels.

Weather plays an important role in the occurrence of rare birds. In Britain, suitable wind conditions may lead to [drift migration](#), and an influx of birds from the east. In North America, birds caught in the tail-end of a hurricane may be blown inland.

Read the questions and find out the answers:

1. What is a birding?
2. How many types of lists are there in case of birding?
3. Where do birders like to watch different birds?

4. What is Seawatching? What is the alternate name of seawatching?
5. What is the role of weather in birdwatching?
6. Write a few lines about your favourite bird.
7. How do you think you can care about a bird?
8. Name some of the birds you know.