

ENGLISCH

LESEVERSTEHEN SERIE 3/3



Kandidatennummer _____

Name _____

Vorname _____

Datum der Prüfung _____

PUNKTE UND BEWERTUNG	Erreichte Punkte	/ Maximum
Task A		/ 15
Task B		/ 10
Total		/ 25

Die Experten _____

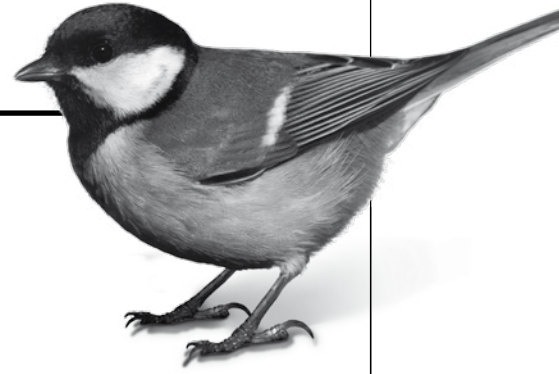


Erlaubte Hilfsmittel: Wörterbuch, gedruckt oder elektronisch

Zeit: 25 Minuten

A

2nd *dawn chorus album ruined by traffic noise



By Fiona MacRae

Fifteen years **1)**....., Andrew Flintham made a best-selling recording of the birds that sing at sunrise every morning. Like many rock musicians, however, making that difficult second album has driven him crazy. When he was asked to make a new CD of British birdsong this year, he found it impossible to get the peace and quiet that he needed to make an uninterrupted recording of 'nature's alarm clock'. Mr Flintham, **2)**..... *Brecklands Dawn Chorus* was the biggest-selling wildlife recording of the 1990s, said: "The microphone picks up so much background noise that you can't hear when you're there. When you play it back at the studio, you find all the traffic noise from nearby roads or planes in the distance. When we made the Brecklands recording in Norfolk in 1993, I had to go back nine times after the first take before I got a full recording. I finally went out on a public holiday because there was **3)**..... traffic about because of people lying in bed late. Since then, there are so many new roads and so many more aeroplanes that I don't believe you can get an uninterrupted recording of the dawn chorus in Britain. If anyone can suggest a place, I'd love to hear from them."

A partner in Norwich-based Overthrill Records, Mr Flintham said: "There are other recordings on the market but they are mostly 10-to-15-minute parts joined together. A full dawn chorus lasts anything from an hour to an hour and a half. One of the biggest problems with noise in Scotland seems to be the military aeroplane training." *Brecklands Dawn Chorus*, which was recorded in a forest at Thetford, included birds such as blackbirds, cuckoos, robins, chaffinches, mallards, coots, little grebes and pigeons. Mainly bought by wildlife enthusiasts **4)**..... in cities where people want to lose their stress to the sound of birds, it is also used by a large number of pubs/bars at 'closing time' as it has a calming influence on drinkers. It is also sometimes played in schools, care homes, prisons and restaurants. Mr Flintham said: "The original recording has become a historical document. It's a piece of Old England that is now lost for ever." Scientists warn that disturbing the early-morning singing could reduce the number of birds. Noise pollution also hides the sound of approaching attackers and blocks warning calls, leaving birds open to danger. In many towns, birds are singing in higher notes or louder, to make sure that they are heard. Some robins have **5)**..... started to miss out the dawn chorus and now sing in the night instead.

*Dawn chorus = birdsong at sunrise

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**TASK A1
(5 POINTS)**

Read the article about the dawn chorus.
Choose the best word to fill each gap – A, B or C and write the letter in the box.

			Put the letter here ↓	
1.	A before	B ago	C after
2.	A who	B why	C whose
3.	A less	B fewer	C few
4.	A live	B living	C lived
5.	A even	B ever	C every

**TASK A2
(10 POINTS)**

Read the article about the dawn chorus again.
Answer the questions below.

1. What were the different sources of noise that ruined Andrew Flintham’s recording?
2. How many recordings did Andrew Flintham make in total for the <i>Brecklands Dawn Chorus</i> in 1993?
3. You can find dawn chorus records on the market but they are not real dawn chorus recordings. How do they differ?
4. Who are the main customers for ‘dawn chorus’ recordings?
5. What strategy are birds using during the dawn chorus so that other birds can hear them?

B (10 POINTS)

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**Look at the list of printers below.
Decide which printer (A–H) would be right for each of the persons listed.
You may not use any letter more than once.**

- A** Budget laser printer! Only £45 incl. VAT. Spare toner cartridge (black only) for £40 each. Toner guaranteed to last 1 year with normal use. A4 paper only.
- B** Office printer (A3/A4 format) for sale. Secondhand, only used for 1 year by careful owner. Comes with its own cabinet with drawers for spare paper. Looks like new. £250 or nearest offer. Can deliver.
- C** Brand-new photo-resolution inkjet printer for sale (unwanted gift). Beautiful graphics and lovely text - will also print directly onto CDs/DVDs. Requires 5 ink tanks (£10 each). £100 (can deliver if required).
- D** Old laser printer for sale. Only prints portrait format in black. Offered without guarantee for £25. Must be collected (weight = 35 kg) Ideal for student.
- E** Ultra-slim, lightweight (300g) portable printer. Requires special colour ribbons costing £20 each (one ribbon included) Ideal as backup when travelling. £60.
- F** Office colour copying/printing/document machine. This is a big machine which is surplus to our requirements. Only in use for 6 months. Can print complete books or individual letters. 50% discount off secondhand price of £2,000 if bought now.
- G** Colour printer for sale. Not inkjet – has toner cartridges (£4 x £40 each). Ideal for small office or private user who need to make impressive brochures/flyers. £150 or best offer.
- H** Multifformat printer (but black text only) with 5 different format trays for a user who needs a versatile machine. 18 months old, reputable Japanese brand. £90. Must be collected!

Put the letter here ↓

1.	Harry Smith has just retired and would like to be able to write the occasional important letter. The printer must be affordable and reliable, however.	
2.	Jack is a travelling salesman and needs to print out the occasional price list or short documentation when visiting customers. What's the answer?	
3.	Exclusive property/real estate agent Dennis sometimes has to print out 4-colour sales documentations for customers. Some expensive houses also have sales documentations in video format. What's the best printer for him?	
4.	Shirley and Terry have just started an office services agency and business is booming. Each day, customers are bringing in more and more complicated printing jobs but the type of machine they want starts at around £2,500.	
5.	The primary school where Suzy is the secretary requires a reliable printer (it can also be a used model). Colour capability not required. Offers below £300 and the seller must be able to deliver it.	