



Tiny Texts *in English*

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Wild Parrots Learn to Swear

Match the key words and definitions:

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| The wild- | uses bad language |
| Offspring- | strange |
| Swears – | language with no meaning |
| Polite- | the highest branches of the trees |
| Expletives- | civil, well-mannered |
| Nonsense- | bad language, vulgar expressions |
| Skills- | domestic (animal) |
| Treetops- | the natural habitat |
| Pet- | babies |
| Weird- | abilities |

Now cover the key words and try to complete the text.

If you ever find yourself in an Australian forest, don't be surprised if a parrot _____ at you. Across Australia, people are reporting that wild parrots are talking to them and that they are not always _____. In fact, some wild birds have learned to speak English and in particular, to use _____. It is thought that the language _____ have been learned from _____ birds that escaped from their cages and returned to _____. The wild birds have _____ the new sounds and have even taught them to their _____. The result is a weird chorus of English _____ high in the _____.

Have you ever spoken to parrot?

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