

BANANAGRAMS 16

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Bananagrams—anagrams to drive you bananas—consist of rhymed couplets, each one containing a pair of anagrams to be solved. One of the rhyming words will always be an anagram, and the couplet itself will offer clues to help solve the anagram. All of the bananagrams in this article are related to birds, and have been borrowed from Bill Webster's book *One Wordy Guy*.

1. When you are offered first refusal,
Lose the xxxxx and choose the xxxxx.
2. One talking bird is Henny Penny,
But not the one of choice—it's the xxxx for xxxx.
3. You brought home Polly. You're now her captor.
Caveat emptor. The xxxxxx is a xxxxxx.
4. Why does it fly off helter-skelter?
The xxxxxx is stoned—by a xxxxxx.
5. "I'm soaking wet," said Mother Owl.
(The xxxxx should throw in the xxxxx.)
6. When setting off upon a hike,
All xxxxxx should avoid the xxxxxx.
7. A chicken square dance? Here's the lowdown:
It's the annual xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx.
8. An ostrich joke (not my idea):
I xxxx that you may die a xxxx.
9. An item for the bulletin board, to tack on:
Don't feed a xxxxxx from a xxxxxx.
10. When dressing a cassowary, don't make the hat tight.
It's the wrong xxxxxx for a xxxxxx.