

# UNIT 17

## A cuckoo in the nest

### 鸟窝中的布谷鸟

#### LESSON 33



#### Listening and Understanding 听力理解

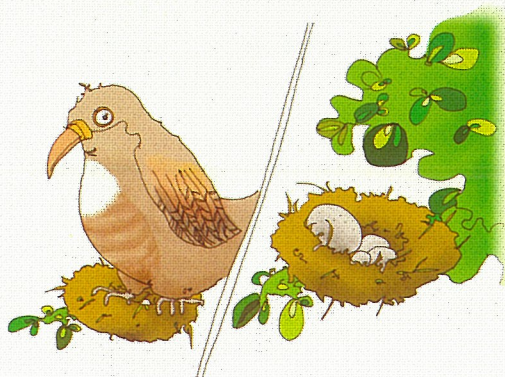
Listen to the recording, and then answer this question: Who are all enthusiastic birdwatchers now? 听录音，然后回答问题：现在谁是观鸟爱好者？



Paul's father, Ken Bruce is an engineer. He's also an enthusiastic birdwatcher.



Last spring, two little birds appeared in his garden. Ken installed a webcam, and invited his neighbours to log on. Everyone watched enthusiastically. Soon, there was a little nest. Then, another bird arrived. It was a cuckoo. The cuckoo watched patiently. Three little eggs appeared in the nest.



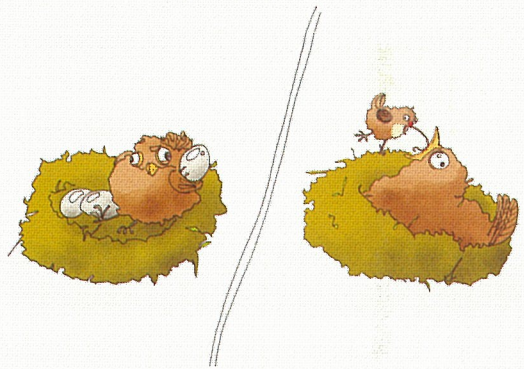
The cuckoo waited. Suddenly, she had her chance. The mother wasn't there. The cuckoo darted to the nest. In two seconds, there was a fourth egg beside the other three.



After twelve days, the young cuckoo hatched. The little birds hurried to get food for the baby cuckoo.



- Ken's neighbours watched excitedly.  
 20 The baby cuckoo picked up the other eggs easily with its back, and pushed them out of the nest. The birds returned and pushed food into its mouth. After twenty days, the cuckoo was enormous!  
 25 On 6th May, it opened its wings. In a moment, the nest was empty. The show was over.



Ken's neighbours are all enthusiastic birdwatchers now, of course!





## New Words and Expressions 生词和短语

**cuckoo** /'kʊkuː/ *n.* 杜鹃, 布谷鸟

**nest** /nest/ *n.* 鸟窝, 巢

**engineer** /,endʒɪ'nɪə/ *n.* 工程师

**enthusiastic** /ɪn,θju:zi'æstɪk/ *adj.* 很感兴趣的

**birdwatcher** /'bɜ:d,wɒtʃə/ *n.* 观鸟者

**appear** /ə'piə/ *v.* 出现

**install** /ɪn'stɔ:l/ *v.* 安装

**webcam** /'webkæm/ *n.* 网络摄像机

**invite** /ɪn'vaɪt/ *v.* 邀请

**log on** /,lɒg 'ɒn/ *v. + adv. particle*  
(*intransitive*) 登录

**enthusiastically** /ɪn,θju:zi'æstɪkli/ *adv.*  
(*manner*) 很感兴趣地

**patiently** /'peɪʃəntli/ *adv. (manner)* 耐心地

**egg** /eg/ *n.* 蛋

**suddenly** /'sʌdnli/ *adv. (time) (manner)* 突然地

**chance** /tʃa:ns/ *n.* 机会

**dart** /dɑ:t/ *v.* 急冲

**second** /'sekənd/ *n.* (时间的) 秒

**hatch** /hætʃ/ *v.* 破壳而出, 孵出

**excitedly** /ɪk'saɪtɪdli/ *adv. (manner)* 激动地, 兴奋地

**easily** /'i:zɪli/ *adv. (manner)* 容易地

**push** /pʊʃ/ *v.* 推, 推动

**out of** /'aʊt əv/ *prep.* 外

**enormous** /ɪ'nɔ:məs/ *adj.* 巨大的, 极大的

**wing** /wɪŋ/ *n.* 翅膀, 翼

**in a moment** /ɪn ə 'məʊmənt/ *adv. (time)*  
片刻, 瞬间

**show** /ʃəʊ/ *n.* 演出

**be over** /bi: 'əʊvə/ *v. + adv. particle*  
(*intransitive*) 结束

## Notes on the Text 课文注释

- 1 a cuckoo in the nest — 这句话在本课课文中的意思就是“鸟窝中的布谷鸟”，但作为固定短语，是指某人长期逗留在一个他不属于、也不受欢迎的地方。
- 2 invited his neighbours to log on — invite — 这里的用法是 invite someone to do something.
- 3 get food — get — 这里的意思是“得到、获得”。

## 参考译文

保罗的爸爸，肯·布鲁斯是一名工程师，他也是观鸟爱好者。

去年春天，花园里来了两只小鸟。肯安了一台网络摄像机，并让邻居上网观看。大家都很有趣。不久，出现了一个小鸟窝，然后又来了一只鸟，一只布谷鸟。布谷鸟耐心地观察着。之后鸟窝里出现了3个小鸟蛋。

布谷鸟等待着，突然，她的机会来了。鸟妈妈不在窝里。布谷鸟冲向鸟窝。两秒钟后，3个蛋旁边多了一个蛋。

12天后，小布谷鸟孵出来了，小鸟急忙给它找食。

肯的邻居们很激动地观察着小布谷鸟用后背轻易地抬起另外3个蛋，把它们推出了鸟窝。小鸟回来了，把食物塞进了小布谷鸟的嘴里。20天后，小布谷鸟长得非常大了！5月6号，它展开翅膀，一会儿，鸟窝空了。表演结束了。

当然，现在肯的邻居都成了观鸟爱好者了！



## Guided Conversation 对话练习

## 1 Answer questions about the text. 根据课文回答问题。

## a) Example: Ken Bruce is an engineer, isn't he? Yes, he is.

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| 1 He's an enthusiastic birdwatcher, isn't he?           | 6 The young cuckoo hatched after twelve days, didn't it?    |
| 2 Two little birds appeared in his garden, didn't they? | 7 Ken's neighbours were excited, weren't they?              |
| 3 He installed a webcam, didn't he?                     | 8 They watched excitedly, didn't they?                      |
| 4 A cuckoo arrived one day, didn't it?                  | 9 On 6th May, the young cuckoo opened its wings, didn't it? |
| 5 The cuckoo waited patiently, didn't it?               | 10 The show was over, wasn't it?                            |

## b) Example: Is Ken an enthusiastic tennis player?

No, he isn't. He's an enthusiastic birdwatcher.

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| 1 Did two birds appear in his garden last winter? | 5 Did the baby cuckoo eat the other eggs?                |
| 2 Did Ken install a telephone?                    | 6 Did the cuckoo open its wings on 16th May?             |
| 3 Did the cuckoo listen patiently?                | 7 Are Ken's neighbours enthusiastic animal watchers now? |
| 4 Did the young cuckoo hatch after two days?      |  |

## c) Example: Who is Ken Bruce, and what does he do?

He's Paul's father, and he's an engineer.

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| 1 What appeared in his garden last spring? | 5 The cuckoo darted to the nest. Then how many eggs were there? |
| 2 What did Ken install?                    | 6 When did the young cuckoo hatch?                              |
| 3 Which bird arrived and watched the nest? | 7 Who watched excitedly?  |
| 4 How many eggs were there in the nest?    | 8 When did the young cuckoo open its wings?                     |

## 2 Ask questions about the text. 根据课文提问。

Example: Ken / install / webcam / garden? (What ...?)

A: Did Ken install a webcam in his garden? B: Yes, he did.

A: What did Ken install in his garden? B: A webcam.

- 1 three eggs / appear / nest (How many ...?)
- 2 young cuckoo / hatch / after twelve days? (When ...?)
- 3 young cuckoo / push / other eggs / out of / nest? (What ...?)
- 4 cuckoo / enormous / after twenty days? (How big ...?)