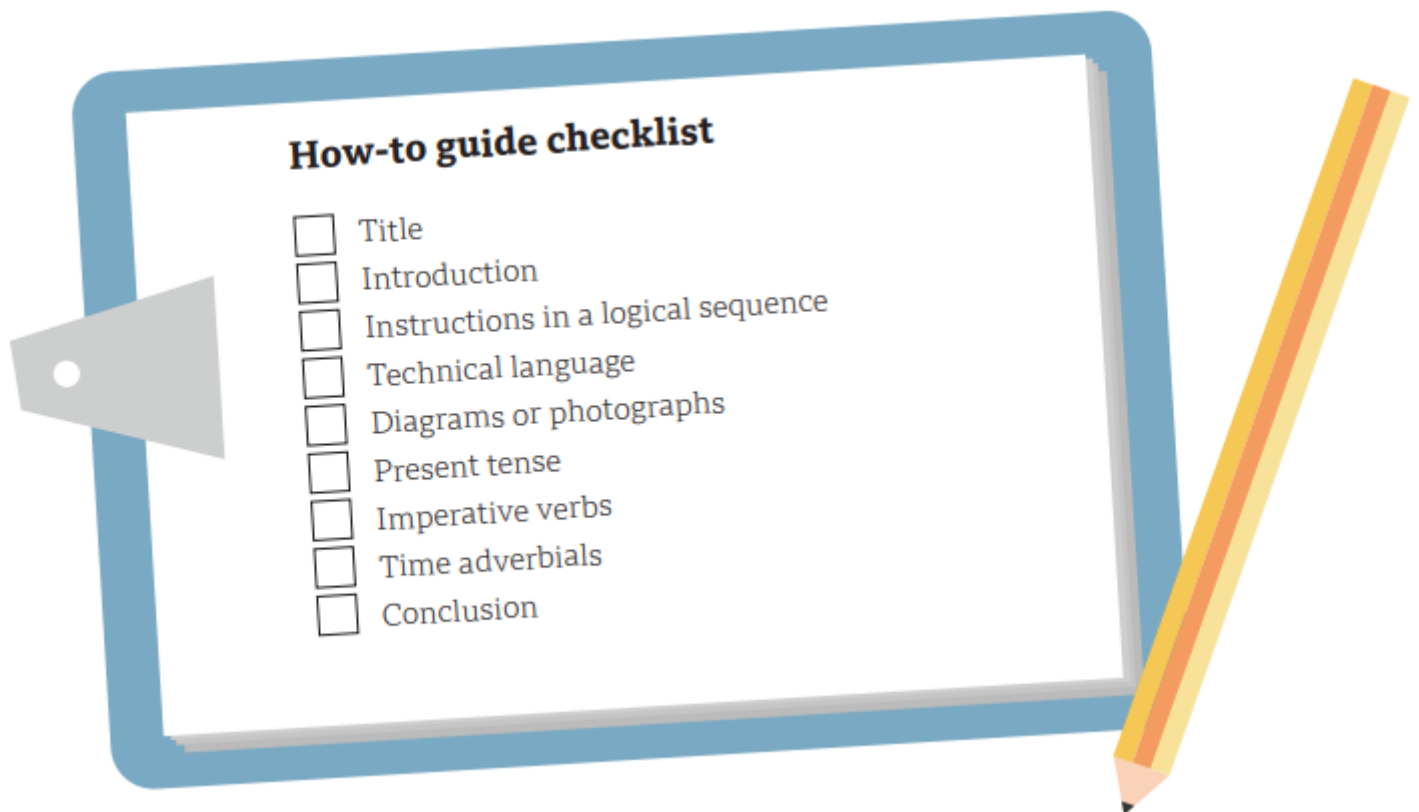


# How-to guides

Can you identify the features of a how-to guide in the text below? Circle or highlight the features and tick them off in the checklist when you see them.



## How do I identify a British bird?

There are more than 400 different species of bird living in the UK. You can spot birds almost anywhere, but how do you tell which bird is which?

### Things you'll need:

- your eyes and ears
- a notebook or sheet of paper
- a pair of binoculars
- *(optional)*



First, note down where you saw the bird, because certain birds favour a particular type of habitat. For example, the woods, a garden, coastal area or a park. What things are in the specific area e.g. trees/water ?

Next, take note of the size and shape of the bird. Pay special attention to the shape of the bird's beak, tail and claws – all of these offer clues about the bird's species.

Finally, draw or write down the colour of the bird. Be aware that birds can look different depending on their sex, age and the time of year.

Now that you have all your information, you can start to identify your bird using one of the widely available bird identification tools online.