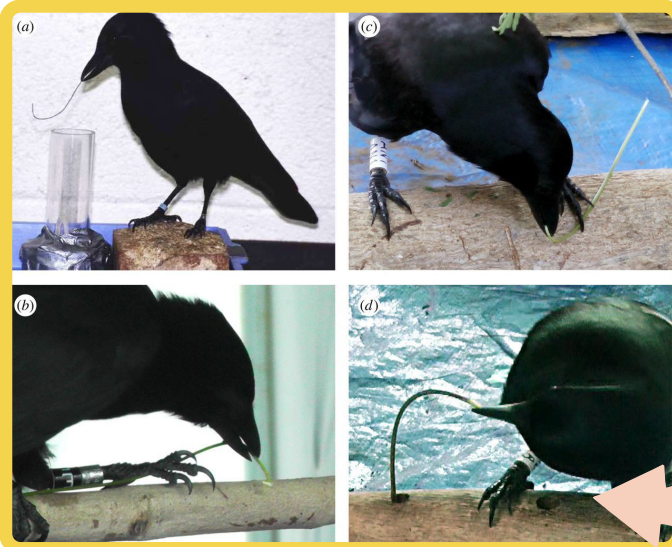




AMAZING ANIMALS: CROW

Some people think that birds are not very clever because they have small brains. We know this is not true! Here we see just how clever one type of bird is...

This crow is using a stick to look for food in small holes in a tree. Scientists call the crow's stick a *tool*; it's an object the crow is using to get something it wants. To check whether crows can use different types of tools in different ways, scientists have set up experiments and watched them at work.



These crows have bent a piece of wire to make a hook. They then used the hook to reach food that was put in a hard-to-reach place by the scientists. This proves that crows can solve problems by using tools. Not many animals can do this!

This crow understood that in order to get a peanut, it needed to raise the water level using stones.





Crows like to have fun!
Crows in cold countries like to play in snow, like this one that is rolling on its back and sliding down a hill



Crows have an excellent memory: they hide food away to save it for later. They sometimes move the food two or three times but they always remember where it was hidden.

Discuss the answers to the following questions:

1. What do you find the most amazing about crows? Why?
2. How do you think crows feel when they roll in the snow?
3. What do you think happens in a crow's brain when they choose the correct tool to get to their food?

Now write three facts that you have just read into your book. Then write what you feel about what you have learnt.