

News!

1. Listen to the recording. The accent you'll hear is Mati from England. Really try and focus and concentrate on what you are listening to. Don't panic if you can't understand every word. Try and see if you can understand the general idea. Feel free to take notes and then after you've heard it once, tell me about what you have heard.

2. Now listen again for more specific details and be ready to answer questions about what you have heard.
 - a. What has been happening to birds?
 - b. Where exactly was the research done?
 - c. How long did the study last for?
 - d. What are the initial findings of the research?
 - e. What colour do the researchers say the blades should be painted?
 - f. How many of the blades should be painted?
 - g. If they paint one of the blades, what can the birds see?
 - h. What is the name of the Norwegian researcher?
 - i. Why did the scientist say further tests are needed?
 - j. Now let's review some of the vocabulary:
 - to collide
 - bird strikes

Recording No. 2 – Mati – English:

Birds colliding with turbine blades is one of the main negative effects of onshore wind farms. But a nine-year study at a Norwegian wind farm has found that bird strikes can be cut by up to 70% simply by painting one blade of a wind turbine black.

Scientists believe this reduces what they call “motion smear”, allowing birds to see the three rotating blades. Dr Roel May, a Norwegian based researcher, says further tests at other wind farms are needed to confirm the findings.