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In this episode, The Teacher introduces you to three idiomatic phrases connected with birds.

- 1. Birdbrain
- 2. To have a bird's eye view
- 3. A little bird told me

Hello, I'm a very interesting and intelligent man.

And today I'm getting together with some of my feathered friends to teach you a thing or two about English idioms.

I bet you've never been never been taught by a bird before.

You might think that birds are not very clever and so not very good teachers – and you're right! I mean look at them.

Their heads are tiny. And a tiny head means a tiny brain. So in English we call someone isn't very bright '**birdbrain**'.

'Birdbrain' - something I've never been called.

Another thing you may have noticed about birds is that they can fly, which is very clever considering they are birdbrains.

Now imagine the view a bird can get when it's flying. Here's a bird high in the sky and here's the ground. Marvellous. They can see everything.

So, come on, what do you think the idiom 'to have a **bird's eye** view' means?

That's right, it means to be able to see very clearly from a high place.

What's that you say? Ah, really, is that right, hmm...

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I've got some very interesting information. Would you like to know who told me? Well didn't you see? A little bird told me.

I can use this idiom when I want to give you some information but I don't want you to know who told me.

A... little... bird... told... me... some very interesting information about...You!