

1. EXT PARK -- DAY

Open on SENOR TAPIR in the park of Animal Town, sitting on a tree stump at the edge of a pond. A group of kids sit at his feet, including ELINOR, ARI and OLIVE.

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SENOR TAPIR

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Let's sing about a scientist named
Irene Pepperberg and her talking
bird, who knew more than 100 words!
Words such as two and blue.

Tapir picks up the guitar, starts to <MFX: STRUM> and sings. After a line or two, we transition to a simpler style of animation that describes what he is singing.

During the song, Senor Tapir sings in Alex the Parrot's voice every time a word in the song is capitalized and in "quotation marks." Because Alex is a grey parrot, his voice is like a human voice, in a higher register. *

TRANSITION TO:

2. IRENE'S LAB -- DAY

Irene Pepperberg looks at Alex the Grey Parrot, who sits on a perch looking back at her. Alex sits on her shoulder and they look at each other. We see close ups of Alex's face when he says HELLO. NOTE: Please make Senor Tapir's parrot voice easy to understand.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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(singing)

This is a song about a scientist who
Wondered if birds could talk like we do.

Her name is Irene Pepperberg, and
Alex the Parrot was her special bird.

Irene wondered if she could show
That Alex could say a lot more than "HELLO."

Irene holds up two blue keys in front of Alex the Parrot. Alex's beak opens when he says BLUE and TWO.

SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

She said what color? He said "BLUE".
She said how many? He said "TWO".

We see Irene teaching words to Alex, while Alex sits on his wooden stick perch. She shows him objects like a spoon, a banana, different colored shapes, etc.

[Reference: See 5:30-5:35 of <https://www.pbs.org/video/nova-sciencenow-profile-irene-pepperberg-alex/>]

9 SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D) 9
What a bird! What a bird!
Said scientist Irene Pepperberg.

Close up of Irene's hands holding up two pieces of paper, one green and one rose-colored. The rose one is noticeably larger. Alex looks at the paper and his beak opens when he says ROSE. Her hands hold up a piece of cake next to Alex, who opens his beak to say YUMMY and BREAD. *

SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)
What color's bigger?
"ROSE", he said *
What do you want?
He said "YUMMY" and "BREAD."

Shapes, colors, counting to eight,
Alex could really communicate!

What a bird! What a bird!
Said scientist Irene Pepperberg.
So many words! So many words!
Her bird knew over a hundred words!

END SONG:

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Yay!

He starts to <MFX STRUM>