Falcon Evidence Hunt

Use exact words from an informational text to support ideas.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.1 "Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two sentences that state facts, then number two details that could help you make an inference, so you can return to the exact words when you answer.

Peregrines Above the City

1. High above a city street, a peregrine falcon may nest on a tall building. The flat ledges and open views can resemble the cliffs where peregrines traditionally nest. In spring, the female usually lays three or four eggs in a shallow scrape, a small hollow in gravel or other loose material. Both parents help keep the eggs warm, although the female often spends more time incubating them.

2. After about a month, the eggs hatch. Peregrine chicks hatch with a soft white covering called down. At first, the adults bring food to the nest and tear it into small pieces. As the chicks grow, they develop feathers and strengthen their wings by flapping. Young falcons usually leave the nest area for their first flights when they are about six weeks old.

3. Peregrines are known for fast hunting dives, called stoops. A bird may fold its wings close to its body and dive toward prey in the air. Its streamlined body and powerful wings help it move quickly. City nest sites can also place peregrines near pigeons and other birds they eat. Because people protected nesting places and reduced use of certain harmful pesticides, peregrine populations have recovered in many areas.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the passage say a peregrine's scrape can contain? Quote the exact words.

2. Why can tall buildings be good nesting places for peregrines? Make an inference and support it with an accurate quote.

3. What can you infer about why adult peregrines tear food into small pieces? Support your inference with an accurate quote.

4. What two changes helped peregrine populations recover? Quote the words that tell you.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a different detail from the passage. In the first sentence, explain something the text says explicitly and include an accurate quote. In the second sentence, make an inference and include an accurate quote that supports it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · RI.5.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two sentences that state facts, then number two details that could help you make an inference, so you can return to the exact words when you answer. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the passage say a peregrine's scrape can contain? Quote the exact words.	**“gravel or other loose material”**
2	Why can tall buildings be good nesting places for peregrines? Make an inference and support it with an accurate quote.	**Tall buildings can work like cliff nesting sites because “The flat ledges and open views can resemble the cliffs where peregrines traditionally nest.”**
3	What can you infer about why adult peregrines tear food into small pieces? Support your inference with an accurate quote.	**The chicks need food in manageable pieces because “the adults bring food to the nest and tear it into small pieces.”**
4	What two changes helped peregrine populations recover? Quote the words that tell you.	**People “protected nesting places and reduced use of certain harmful pesticides.”**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The passage states that both parents care for the eggs because it says, “Both parents help keep the eggs warm.” I can infer that the female has a larger incubation role because she “often spends more time incubating them.”

Accept accurate quotations that support each response, even if students use different relevant details. For inference responses, accept logical conclusions that are supported by quoted evidence from the passage.