Falcons Under Review

Edit a wildlife article for correct written conventions.

10.P.EICC.4.h "Edit the text, ensuring it adheres to the conventions of written language. (C)"

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the eight convention errors in the article, then write each correction above the error.

City Falcons

1 Each spring, peregrine falcons nest on ledges high above city streets. These powerful birds once declined sharply in north America because a pesticide called DDT thinned there eggshells. After DDT was restricted and captive breeding programs began, many populations recovered. Today, a pair may choose a bridge tower or office building because the structure resemble a cliff. From that perch, the falcons watch pigeons and other prey below. A diving peregrine can reach remarkable speeds, making it one of the fastest animals in the world.

2 Falcons do not build the elaborate nests that many songbirds make. Instead, they lay eggs in a shallow scrape, a small hollow in gravel or soil. The adults take turns keeping the eggs warm, and a nesting pair defend the site from intruders. In cities, wildlife biologists sometimes place gravel in nest boxes to give the birds a safer surface. The chicks hatch after about a month, they remain near the nest for several weeks while their wings strengthen. Parents bring food to the young throughout the day.

3 Watching a falcon family can help people understand how wildlife adapts to human made spaces. However observers should stay far enough away to avoid disturbing the birds. A crowded viewing area, loud noises, or a drone can cause stress during nesting season. Local groups often shares updates online, but visitors should follow posted rules and respect closed areas. By learning when to observe quietly and when to leave, people can enjoy a city's wild neighbors without putting them at risk during the busy spring season.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, what two corrections fix a possessive-word error and a proper-noun capitalization error?

2. What verb-form correction is needed in paragraph 1, and what verb-form correction is needed in paragraph 2?

3. Rewrite the comma-splice sentence in paragraph 2 as two correctly punctuated sentences.

4. List the three edits needed in paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 60-75-word paragraph explaining how people can protect a local bird or animal. Edit it for correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and subject-verb agreement, then underline two places where you checked a convention.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the eight convention errors in the article, then write each correction above the error. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what two corrections fix a possessive-word error and a proper-noun capitalization error?	**there → their; north America → North America.**
2	What verb-form correction is needed in paragraph 1, and what verb-form correction is needed in paragraph 2?	**structure resemble → structure resembles; pair defend → pair defends.**
3	Rewrite the comma-splice sentence in paragraph 2 as two correctly punctuated sentences.	**The chicks hatch after about a month. They remain near the nest for several weeks while their wings strengthen.**
4	List the three edits needed in paragraph 3.	**human made → human-made; However observers → However, observers; groups often shares → groups often share.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

People can protect monarch butterflies by planting native milkweed and nectar flowers in sunny places in their community gardens each year. Gardeners should avoid spraying pesticides when butterflies or bees are nearby. At school, students can create a small pollinator garden and keep its paths clear. These actions provide food, shelter, and safe spaces for insects during migration and throughout the summer.

Accept equivalent corrections that follow standard written conventions. For question 3, accept a semicolon or another correctly punctuated revision that removes the comma splice; the open response should be 60-75 words and show two underlined convention checks.