Falcons Above Town

Use exact text details to support each response.

3.T.RA.2.a "Refer to specific passages from a text to support an idea, answer, or opinion. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two sentences that give details about how a city can help peregrine falcons. Number the two details 1 and 2 so you can use them as evidence.

Peregrine Falcons in the City

(1) Each spring, a pair of peregrine falcons may nest on a tall building in a city. A building ledge can feel like the high cliffs where these birds nest in nature. The adults build a small scrape, or shallow dip, instead of a large twig nest. From the ledge, they can watch the streets and sky below.

(2) Peregrine falcons are known for fast dives called stoops. When hunting, a falcon may fly high, fold its wings, and dive toward another bird. Its body shape and pointed wings help it move quickly through the air. Peregrines often eat birds, such as pigeons and starlings, which can be found in many cities and towns.

(3) Some building owners place nest boxes on high rooftops. A nest box gives the birds a protected spot to lay eggs and raise young. Wildlife workers may watch the nests from a distance and record what they see. These careful checks can help people learn whether young falcons are growing well from year to year.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What sentence supports the idea that a tall building can be a good nesting place for a peregrine falcon? Copy the sentence.

2. Which detail shows that peregrine falcons can find food in cities? Write the detail from the passage.

3. A student says, "Peregrine falcons are made for quick flight." Which sentence from the passage supports this idea? Copy the sentence.

4. How can wildlife workers learn about young falcons while staying away from the nest? Use a detail from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Should a building owner add a nest box for peregrine falcons? Write two sentences. State your opinion in the first sentence, then use two details from the passage to support it in the second sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.T.RA.2.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two sentences that give details about how a city can help peregrine falcons. Number the two details 1 and 2 so you can use them as evidence. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What sentence supports the idea that a tall building can be a good nesting place for a peregrine falcon? Copy the sentence.	**"A building ledge can feel like the high cliffs where these birds nest in nature."**
2	Which detail shows that peregrine falcons can find food in cities? Write the detail from the passage.	**"Peregrines often eat birds, such as pigeons and starlings, which can be found in many cities and towns."**
3	A student says, "Peregrine falcons are made for quick flight." Which sentence from the passage supports this idea? Copy the sentence.	**"Its body shape and pointed wings help it move quickly through the air."**
4	How can wildlife workers learn about young falcons while staying away from the nest? Use a detail from the passage.	**They may watch the nests from a distance and record what they see.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A building owner should add a nest box on a high rooftop. The box gives falcons a protected spot to lay eggs and raise young, and workers can watch from a distance to see whether the young are growing well.

Accept responses that state a clear opinion and use two accurate details from the passage. Students may quote the passage or explain its details in their own words.