City Sky Nests

Use exact passage details to support your answers.

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

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every sentence that gives a detail about where peregrine falcons nest, how they raise young, or how people protect them. Number each underlined sentence in order so you can find it again.

Peregrines Above the City

1. High above busy streets, peregrine falcons often make homes on tall buildings. A cliff-nesting bird, a peregrine can use a window ledge or bridge tower like a rocky cliff. Cities also provide pigeons and other birds for food. These hunters dive through the air to catch prey, sometimes reaching more than 200 miles per hour during a hunting dive.

2. In spring, female peregrines lay eggs in a shallow nest scrape. On a building, the scrape may be placed in a protected box filled with gravel. Both parents take turns keeping the eggs warm. After the chicks hatch, adults bring food to the nest. A box with a low edge helps keep young chicks from falling before they can fly.

3. Some city workers and bird groups watch known nest sites from a distance. If a nest is on a building, workers may delay noisy repairs until the young falcons leave. Volunteers also record when eggs hatch and when chicks first fly. Their notes help scientists learn which nest sites are used again in later years.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What sentence supports the idea that a tall city structure can be a good nest site for a peregrine? Copy the sentence.

2. What passage detail supports the idea that both peregrine parents care for the eggs? Copy the detail.

3. Which sentence supports the idea that young peregrine chicks need protection at a nest site? Copy the sentence.

4. What sentence supports the idea that people can reduce disturbance near a peregrine nest? Copy the sentence.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Should a building owner allow a peregrine nest box on the roof? Write three sentences that state your opinion and use two different quotations from the passage to support it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.T.RA.2.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every sentence that gives a detail about where peregrine falcons nest, how they raise young, or how people protect them. Number each underlined sentence in order so you can find it again. 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 city structure can be a good nest site for a peregrine? Copy the sentence.	**"A cliff-nesting bird, a peregrine can use a window ledge or bridge tower like a rocky cliff."**
2	What passage detail supports the idea that both peregrine parents care for the eggs? Copy the detail.	**"Both parents take turns keeping the eggs warm."**
3	Which sentence supports the idea that young peregrine chicks need protection at a nest site? Copy the sentence.	**"A box with a low edge helps keep young chicks from falling before they can fly."**
4	What sentence supports the idea that people can reduce disturbance near a peregrine nest? Copy the sentence.	**"If a nest is on a building, workers may delay noisy repairs until the young falcons leave."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A building owner should allow a peregrine nest box on the roof. The passage says, "Cities also provide pigeons and other birds for food." It also explains, "On a building, the scrape may be placed in a protected box filled with gravel."

Accept exact quotations or accurate paraphrases that identify the relevant sentence from the passage. For Part 3, accept either opinion when it is supported by two different, relevant passage quotations.