

Rooftop Falcon Evidence

Use details from a city wildlife report to support your responses.

5.7.C “use text evidence to support an appropriate response;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that could support a response about why Riverton protects the falcons, and number the details 1, 2, and 3.

Falcons Above City Hall

- ① Each spring, peregrine falcons return to a nesting box on the roof of Riverton City Hall. The box was installed by wildlife workers because tall buildings can resemble the cliffs where peregrines naturally nest. From the roof, adults watch for pigeons and other birds. Their speed helps them catch prey in the open air nearby.
- ② This year, a camera near the nest let residents observe the falcon family without climbing to the roof. Viewers saw the adults bring food to three chicks, then tear it into small pieces. The chicks remained in the box for several weeks while their feathers grew. Wildlife workers asked people to watch from a distance, since noise close to the nest can disturb the birds.
- ③ By early summer, the young falcons practiced flapping and hopping along the roof. Eventually, they made short flights between nearby buildings. City Hall kept the camera running after the chicks left the box, so viewers could see the young birds gain skill. The project also helped workers learn when the falcons returned each year and whether the nesting box needed repairs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 A student says, "City buildings can work as peregrine nesting places." What detail from the passage supports this response?

- 2 Why should people watch the falcons from a distance? Use a detail from the passage.

- 3 A student says that the chicks relied on the adult falcons. Which passage detail supports this response?

- 4 What detail supports the response that the young falcons were learning to fly?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences explaining why Riverton should keep the nesting box. State your reason in the first sentence, then use a different passage detail in each of the next two sentences.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three details that could support a response about why Riverton protects the falcons, and number the details 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A student says, "City buildings can work as peregrine nesting places." What detail from the passage supports this response?	Tall buildings can resemble the cliffs where peregrines naturally nest.
2	Why should people watch the falcons from a distance? Use a detail from the passage.	People should watch from a distance because noise close to the nest can disturb the birds.
3	A student says that the chicks relied on the adult falcons. Which passage detail supports this response?	The adults brought food to the three chicks and tore it into small pieces.
4	What detail supports the response that the young falcons were learning to fly?	They practiced flapping and hopping along the roof, then made short flights between nearby buildings.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Riverton should keep the nesting box because it supports the falcons as they raise their young. The adults brought food to three chicks in the box and tore it into small pieces. The chicks stayed in the box for several weeks while their feathers grew.

Accept accurate paraphrases of passage details that clearly support each response. For Part 3, accept three sentences with a clear reason and two different, relevant details from the passage.