

# City Falcon Helpers

Find the ideas that build the passage's meaning.

**4.7.G** "discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning."

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## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline three details that show how city spaces and people help peregrines raise young. Number your details 1, 2, and 3 so you can use them to explain the passage's meaning.

### Peregrines in the City

- ① On a ledge high above a busy street, a peregrine falcon watches for pigeons. The bird does not build a twig nest. Instead, it lays eggs in a shallow scrape on the ledge. Tall buildings can resemble the cliffs where peregrines naturally nest. This makes some cities useful homes for these swift hunters during nesting season.
- ② Yet city life can be dangerous for young falcons. Glass windows may reflect the sky, and a flying bird can crash into them. Traffic and crowds also make the ground unsafe. To help, wildlife workers place nest boxes on selected buildings. The boxes give chicks a protected spot before they learn to fly safely on their own.
- ③ These efforts do more than protect one family of birds. They let people watch a wild animal succeed near homes, schools, and offices. Some cities use cameras to share views of nest boxes without disturbing the birds. When people protect safe nesting spaces, peregrines can raise young in places once thought too busy for wildlife.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

1 Which specific idea in paragraph 1 helps explain why a city can be a nesting place for peregrines?

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2 Why is the detail about windows reflecting the sky important to the passage?

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3 How does the detail about cameras at nest boxes add to the passage's meaning?

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4 What is the passage's main message? Use two important ideas from the text in your answer.

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## 3 YOUR TURN \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Choose one detail from paragraph 1 or 2 and one detail from paragraph 3. Write exactly three sentences that explain how the two details work together to show that a city can become a safe home for peregrines.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline three details that show how city spaces and people help peregrines raise young. Number your details 1, 2, and 3 so you can use them to explain the passage's meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                           | ANSWER                                                                                                                             |
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| 1 | Which specific idea in paragraph 1 helps explain why a city can be a nesting place for peregrines? | <b>Tall buildings can resemble the cliffs where peregrines naturally nest.</b>                                                     |
| 2 | Why is the detail about windows reflecting the sky important to the passage?                       | <b>It shows a danger that city falcons face and explains why young birds need protected nesting spaces.</b>                        |
| 3 | How does the detail about cameras at nest boxes add to the passage's meaning?                      | <b>It shows that people can watch peregrines without disturbing them.</b>                                                          |
| 4 | What is the passage's main message? Use two important ideas from the text in your answer.          | <b>Peregrines can raise young in cities because tall buildings can act like cliffs and people can protect safe nesting spaces.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Tall buildings resemble the cliffs where peregrines naturally nest. People can protect safe nesting spaces in cities so the birds can raise young. Together, these ideas show that both city structures and people's choices can help peregrines live there.

Accept answers that identify details accurately and explain how those details support the idea that peregrines can live and raise young in cities. For the open task, accept different supported detail choices if the response has exactly three sentences and explains the connection.