

City Sky Hunters

Find the main idea and the details that build it.

5.9.D.i “the central idea with supporting evidence;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence that best states what the whole passage is mostly about. Circle three details that support that idea, and number the details 1, 2, and 3.

Peregrines in the City

- ① Peregrine falcons can live successfully in cities when they find high nesting spots, food, and protection from dangers. Tall buildings resemble the cliffs peregrines use in the wild. The birds rest and nest on ledges high above streets. From these spots, they can watch for pigeons and other small birds. City buildings also give falcons wide, open flight paths as they dive after prey below.
- ② Cities can provide a steady food supply for peregrine falcons. Pigeons are common in many downtown areas, and peregrines hunt birds in flight. A peregrine can dive at very high speeds, which helps it catch prey in the air. Because city lights can attract insects, the insects may draw smaller birds, adding to the falcons' hunting opportunities.
- ③ Living near people is not always easy. Falcons can strike windows or be disturbed when people work near nests. Wildlife groups sometimes place nest boxes on buildings and ask workers to avoid nesting areas during the breeding season. These efforts can give young falcons a safer place to grow before they leave the nest and learn to hunt.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the central idea of the passage? Write it in your own words.

2 Which detail from paragraph 1 supports the idea that cities can be good nesting places for peregrine falcons?

3 Give two details from paragraph 2 that support the idea that cities provide food for peregrine falcons.

4 How do the actions of wildlife groups in paragraph 3 support the central idea?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write one 18 to 25 word central-idea sentence about the passage in your own words. Then list three numbered supporting details from different parts of the passage.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence that best states what the whole passage is mostly about. Circle three details that support that idea, 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	What is the central idea of the passage? Write it in your own words.	Peregrine falcons can live in cities because cities offer nesting places and food, and people can help protect them from dangers.
2	Which detail from paragraph 1 supports the idea that cities can be good nesting places for peregrine falcons?	Tall buildings resemble the cliffs peregrines use in the wild, and the birds can nest on high ledges.
3	Give two details from paragraph 2 that support the idea that cities provide food for peregrine falcons.	Pigeons are common in downtown areas, and city lights can attract insects that draw smaller birds.
4	How do the actions of wildlife groups in paragraph 3 support the central idea?	Nest boxes and protected nesting areas help give young falcons a safer place to grow.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Central idea: Peregrine falcons can thrive in cities because tall buildings, plentiful prey, and careful protection help them nest and hunt safely. 1. Building ledges resemble the cliffs where peregrines nest in the wild. 2. Downtown pigeons give peregrines birds to hunt. 3. Wildlife groups place nest boxes and protect nesting areas.

Accept central ideas that explain that peregrine falcons can live in cities with suitable nesting places, food, and protection. Supporting details should be accurate, connected to the central idea, and drawn from across the passage.