Rooftop Falcon Flight

Use repeated reading to monitor accuracy, pace, and meaning.

5.DSR.A "Read a variety of grade-level complex texts with accuracy, automaticity, appropriate rate, and meaningful expression in successive readings to support comprehension..."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage aloud twice. Circle up to three words you need to check, and place a slash where punctuation or meaning tells you to pause so you can reread each sentence smoothly.

Falcons Above the City

1 High above city streets, peregrine falcons sometimes nest on tall buildings. A ledge can resemble the rocky cliffs where these birds traditionally raise their young. From a high perch, a falcon watches pigeons and other birds. Its sharp eyesight helps it spot movement far below. When it leaves the perch, its long, pointed wings carry it swiftly through the air.

2 To catch prey, a peregrine may begin a steep dive called a stoop. During this dive, the bird folds its wings partway and uses gravity as it speeds downward. Peregrines are often described as the fastest animals on Earth because a diving bird can exceed 200 miles per hour. The speed is useful, but the falcon must also turn and control its path.

3 City falcons need quiet places for nests, especially while eggs and chicks are present. Some building managers protect a nest ledge by limiting work nearby for a time. People can also watch from a distance, rather than crowding the birds. These choices do not make a city wild, yet they give the falcons space to hunt, rest, and care for their young.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 2, what does the word "stoop" mean? Name the nearby words that help you confirm its meaning.

2. Read the last sentence of paragraph 2 aloud. What punctuation mark signals a short pause, and what does the part after it add to the meaning?

3. In paragraph 3, what two actions are meant by the words "These choices"?

4. A reader thinks that "crowding" means watching from far away. Which words should make the reader self-correct, and what does "crowding" mean here?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one sentence from the passage that is not named in questions 1 through 4. Rewrite it with a slash where you would pause, underline one word you would check, and write one sentence explaining that word's meaning from context.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage aloud twice. Circle up to three words you need to check, and place a slash where punctuation or meaning tells you to pause so you can reread each sentence smoothly. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 2, what does the word "stoop" mean? Name the nearby words that help you confirm its meaning.	**A stoop is a steep dive. The words "begin a steep dive" confirm the meaning.**
2	Read the last sentence of paragraph 2 aloud. What punctuation mark signals a short pause, and what does the part after it add to the meaning?	**The comma after "useful" signals a pause. The words after it show that the falcon needs control as well as speed.**
3	In paragraph 3, what two actions are meant by the words "These choices"?	**Limiting work near a nest ledge and watching the birds from a distance.**
4	A reader thinks that "crowding" means watching from far away. Which words should make the reader self-correct, and what does "crowding" mean here?	**The words "rather than" show a contrast. Crowding means getting too close to or gathering around the birds.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

When it leaves the perch, / its long, pointed wings carry it _swiftly_ through the air. Swiftly means quickly, because the wings carry the falcon through the air.

Accept equivalent meanings supported by nearby words in the passage. For the open task, accept reasonable pause marks and context-based word meanings that fit the chosen sentence.