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- Think about the meaning of the Vocabulary Word in dark print. Write the word or phrase in parentheses () that correctly completes each sentence.



1. A **stranded** animal is one that has been _____.
(left alone, injured)



2. If a bird reacts **instinctively**, it acts _____.
(quietly, without thinking)



3. _____ means to **venture**.
(To travel at some risk, To build a home)



4. In the nest, the chick **nestles**, or _____ against, its mother.
(snuggles, leaves)



5. The old bird's nest was **uninhabited**, or _____.
(not lived in, thrown away)



6. Birds who live in **burrows** live in _____.
(large nests in trees, holes in the ground)

- Think about the meaning of the Vocabulary Word in dark print. Then answer each question.

7. How does a bird probably feel when it **nestles** next to its mother—warm or cold? _____

8. Which of these probably live in **burrows**—mice or horses?

9. Which of these is an example of acting **instinctively**—reading a book or taking your hand off a hot stove? _____

10. If you **venture** into the woods, what are you showing—bravery or honesty?

- Read the paragraphs. Then choose the best answer for each question, and circle the letter for that answer.

Seagulls do not really live on the sea. They build their nests on land, sometimes along the shores of oceans and lakes. Gulls make their homes throughout the world, even in Antarctica. They are excellent at finding food. Sometimes they follow ships for food. Gulls also catch insects and fish.

Most gulls make their nests on flat ground, such as beaches or riverbeds. Some species of gulls make nests in cliffs. Gulls lay two or three greenish brown, speckled eggs at a time. The eggs take three to four weeks to hatch. When the chicks are born, they are able to see and stand, but the parents must feed them and keep them warm.

- 1 Which of these sentences belongs in a summary of the first paragraph?
- A Seagulls are beautiful birds to watch.
 - B Seagulls need the ocean to survive.
 - C Seagulls know how to follow ships.
 - D Seagulls live throughout the world and have many ways of finding food.

**Tip**

Which of the answer choices tells the main idea of the first paragraph?

- 2 Which of these is an important detail to be included in a summary of the first paragraph?
- F Seagulls actually live on land, not on the sea.
 - G Seagulls eat insects.
 - H Some seagulls make their nests in cliffs.
 - J Seagulls eat seaweed.

**Tip**

Reread the first paragraph. Which of the answer choices mentions a detail from the paragraph that is important enough to be included in a summary?

- 3 Which of these sentences belongs in a summary of the second paragraph?
- A Seagulls have greenish brown eggs.
 - B Most seagulls make their nests in flat areas and lay several eggs at a time.
 - C Seagulls follow earthworm trails.
 - D Seagulls lay eggs and leave them before they hatch.

**Tip**

Look for the main idea of the second paragraph. Which of the answer choices summarizes the main idea of the paragraph?



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- Choose the best answer to each question. Write the answer on the line.



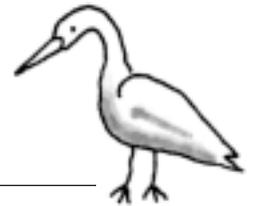
1. If you want to find out more information on flamingos, in which encyclopedia volume should you look—Volume B or Volume F?

2. Where would you find the most recent list of endangered animals—in a print encyclopedia or on the Internet?

- Choose the keywords you would use to perform an Internet search to answer each question.

3. What birds live in a swamp?

water AND animals birds AND swamp



4. What kind of nest do ospreys build?

ospreys AND nest birds AND fly



5. What birds would you see in California?

birds AND California animals AND states

