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Go Fly A Kite!

Many people fly kites for fun. People from all over the world have been flying kites for over 3,000 years. Kite flying began in China and Japan. At one time kites were used to send notes. Some people used them to study about science.

Many people decorate their kites, making them fancy and colorful. Other kites are plain and can even be made out of a plastic bag. No matter what they look like, kite flying is fun on a windy day.

1 The author wrote this story mainly to

- teach you how to fly kites
- invite you to start flying kites
- tell you facts about kite flying
- get you to fly kites on windy days

2 Which of these is true?

- Kite flying began only a few years ago.
- Most kites are made out of plastic bags.
- Kite flying has had many different uses.
- Fancy kites fly better than plain ones.

3 Which of these does the author probably believe?

- Kite flying should only be done when notes need to be sent.
- Flying any kind of kite is always fun on a day with lots of wind.
- Colorful kites are the only kind to use on a windy day.
- People from all over the world should fly to Japan or China to fly kites.

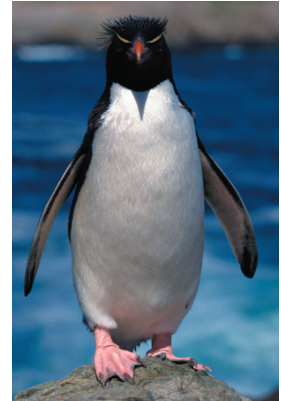
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Birds



There are about 9,000 kinds of birds that live in all parts of the world. Some live where it is cold. Some live where it is very hot. All birds have feathers, wings, and come from eggs. Most birds can fly. But some birds, like penguins, who waddle on the ice and swim in the ocean, cannot fly.



Many birds have beautiful colors and sing sweet songs. Some birds are even important to man. Think about the chicken. The chicken gives us meat and eggs for food. Birds are interesting and valuable animals.



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The author wrote this story mainly to

- tell you that birds have many beautiful colors
- get you to study birds in other parts of the world
- teach you that birds are important and interesting animals
- show you how all birds are almost the same

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What happens to types of birds that cannot fly?

- They move around in other ways.
- They are no longer called birds.
- They move to other parts of the world.
- They have to teach themselves to fly.

Answer Key

SAT Standard

Analyze author's purpose, assumptions, or viewpoint

Determine likely source of text

Determine unknown words from context

Discern speaker's voice

Select an appropriate reading strategy in a given situation

SSS Benchmark

LAA211: Determines the main idea or essential message from a text and identifies supporting information. (Recognizes differences in various types of text.)

LAA215: Uses simple materials of the reference system to obtain information. (Uses resources to obtain information.)

LAA112: Selects from a variety of simple strategies to identify words and construct meaning. (Uses knowledge of word order and context to support word identification and confirm word meaning.)

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