Brilliant Birds

The Night Visitor

Hurricane

Reading Booklet

For Reading Year 3 (Summer)
Brilliant Birds

A bit about birds

Birds come in many colours, shapes and sizes. The smallest is the hummingbird, which can be as tiny as a butterfly. The largest is the ostrich, which can sometimes grow taller than a person.

There may be many differences in the way birds look, but all birds have four things in common: they have a beak, feathers and wings and they lay eggs. Although every bird has wings, not all can fly.

Flightless birds

Ostriches

Ostriches are huge birds that cannot use their wings to fly. They use their strong legs to run fast instead – nearly twice as fast as any human. Their legs are perfect for kicking too.

If a predator like a lion gets close, the ostrich can kick it away. Ostriches have eyes that are five centimetres wide, the largest eyes of any land animal. This means they have excellent eyesight and can see enemies coming from far away.

The brain of an ostrich is smaller than one of its eyes. This may be why they sometimes run in circles when trying to escape from attackers!

Penguins

Another bird that cannot fly is the penguin. Instead, it uses its stiff, flipper-like wings as paddles to swim underwater, where it hunts for fish. Penguins are spectacular swimmers. They have sleek bodies that glide through the water. Their tails and webbed feet help them steer. Most birds build nests to shelter their eggs and chicks but Emperor penguins do not. They protect their brood by balancing them on their feet, keeping them warm with a roll of belly fat.

The male Emperor penguin does not eat while looking after a chick; this can last for up to two months!

Glossary:

predator - an animal that hunts other animals  brood - the eggs and chicks of a bird
This booklet contains the questions for the reading texts: Brilliant Birds, The Night Visitor and Hurricane.

Please write your answers in this booklet.
Questions 1–14 are about *Brilliant Birds* (pages 4–5).

1. The smallest bird can be the same size as a…

   Tick one.
   - bee.
   - butterfly.
   - bat.
   - beetle.

   1 mark

2. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement about ostriches is **true** or **false**.

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<td>They can run faster than people.</td>
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<td>They have poor eyesight.</td>
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   2 marks
3. How do penguins use their wings differently from most other birds?

Give one way.

__________________________________________________________

1 mark

4. *They have sleek bodies that glide through the water.*

In this sentence, the word *sleek* is closest in meaning to…

Tick one.

- strong.
- soft.
- skinny.
- smooth.

1 mark

5. Which **two** parts of the body do penguins use to change direction in the water?

1. ________________________________

2. ________________________________

1 mark
Summer

This booklet contains different types of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary questions.

Please write your answers in this booklet.

Name

Date

Total marks
1. Which conjunction completes the sentence below?

Goldfish are popular pets ___________ people think they are easy to look after.

Tick one.

because  

or  

that  

why

2. Which word can replace the underlined words in the sentence below?

I think it is a good idea to cut the grass.

Tick one.

its  

it’s  

its’  

is
3. Draw a line to match each sentence to its type. One has been done for you.

Asha went to the swimming pool. – exclamation

Where has Asha gone? – command

Go to the pool, Asha. – question

What a good swimmer Asha is! – statement

1 mark

4. Draw a line to match each word with the correct suffix.

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1 mark
Summer

There are twenty sentences in this booklet and each sentence has a word missing. Listen carefully to the missing word and write it down in this booklet.
1. Jane went to the beach ______________ it was sunny.

2. Dan is going to ______________ to play the trumpet.

3. We can go to the seaside ______________ next summer.

4. The kettle isn’t working so we have to ______________ it.

5. They are going to ______________ a new hall at our school.

6. The ______________ newspaper had a report about our school.

7. Sam ______________ that the music was very loud.

8. They enjoyed the ______________ when the noise stopped.

9. Kittens are often very ______________.

10. The doctor said that Ben had a chest ______________.
Summer

Equipment allowed: pen, pencil, rubber (optional).
No calculator or other equipment allowed.

Name

Date

Total marks
1. $26 + 10 = \phantom{0}$

2. $3 \times 4 = \phantom{0}$

3. $22 \div 2 = \phantom{0}$
4 \[ 8 \times 1 = \]

5 \[ 374 + 100 = \]

6 \[ 162 - 30 = \]
Summer

Equipment allowed: pen, pencil, ruler, protractor or angle measurer, rubber (optional).

No calculator or other equipment allowed.

Name

Date

Total marks
1. Draw a line to match each number to its word.

One has been done for you.

- 258 \(\rightarrow\) Five hundred and thirty-eight
- 538 \(\rightarrow\) Five hundred and fifty-two
- 385 \(\rightarrow\) Two hundred and fifty-eight
- 552 \(\rightarrow\) Three hundred and eighty-five

1 mark

2. What fraction of each shape is shaded?

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\text{Circle} \\
\hline
\text{Squares} \\
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\end{array}
\]

- Circle: 1/4
- Squares: 1/5

1 mark
Write these numbers in order, starting with the **smallest**.

One has been done for you.

468  684  648  846

The numbers in the triangle add up to **30**

Write the missing number in the empty circle.