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"Birds"

Reading Comprehension - Short Stories

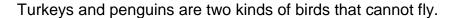
Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

A bird is a kind of animal.

A bird has two wings. Birds are the only animal with feathers.

Pigeons, eagles, swans, and blue jays are all different kinds of birds.

Most birds can fly.





Questions:

- 1) What is this passage about?
 2) What birds can fly?
 - A. what birds are like
 - B. why some birds can't fly
 - C. where birds have feathers
- - A. all birds
 - B. most birds
 - C. some birds
- 3) According to the passage, which of these birds cannot fly?
 - A. eagles
 - B. swans
 - C. turkeys

- 4) All birds are
 - A. animals
 - B. blue jays
 - C. penguins

Do you like birds? What is your favorite kind of bird? Why?					

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

The passage talks about what birds are like. Therefore **(A)** is correct. In paragraph 5, the passage does tell us about two kinds of birds that cannot fly. But it does not tell us <u>why</u> they cannot fly. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. In paragraph 2, we learn that birds are the only animal with feathers. But it does not tell us <u>where</u> they have feathers. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

2) **B**

Paragraph 4 says, "Most birds can fly." Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **C**

In paragraph 5, we learn that "turkeys and penguins are two kinds of birds that cannot fly." Therefore **(C)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **A**

Paragraph 1 tells us, "A bird is a kind of animal." Therefore **(A)** is correct. Blue jays and penguins are both kinds of birds. But not all birds are blue jays or penguins. Therefore **(B)** and **(C)** are incorrect.