

## “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.

Turkeys and penguins are two kinds of birds that cannot fly.



### Questions:

1) What is this passage about?

- A. what birds are like
- B. why some birds can't fly
- C. where birds have feathers

2) What birds can fly?

- 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?

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## 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 why 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 where 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.