

## Reading Comprehension

## Bird Brains

- A** Read the author's opinion about birds. Check (✓) the facts that support this opinion.

**Opinion:** Birds are not birdbrained. They're very smart.

- 1 Birds like to be warm and have abundant food. ☐
- 2 The bowerbird has an interesting technique for impressing others. ☐
- 3 Some birds make complex, artistic nests. ☐
- 4 The woodpecker finch is a bird that's native to the Galápagos Islands. ☐
- 5 Parrots can learn hundreds of words. ☐
- 6 The finch uses a spine from a cactus as a tool. ☐

- B** Label the features of the text. Then answer the questions.

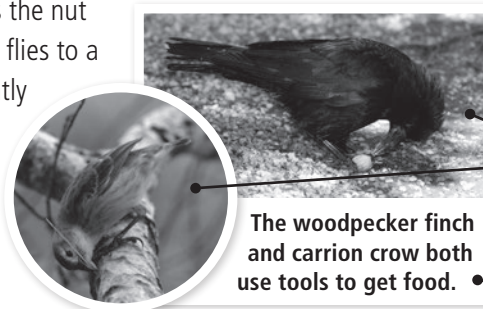
**Bird Brains**

Ornithologists have revealed that some birds are among the smartest creatures on Earth.

**Tool-Making Birds**

Some birds can make tools, too! The woodpecker finch is a bird that's native to the Galápagos Islands. The finch uses the spine from a cactus to spear insects and remove them from their hiding places.

A carrion crow first drops the nut on the highway and then flies to a safe place. Next, it patiently waits for a car to run over the nut.



- 1 How does the title help you understand the text?

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- 2 How do the headings help you understand the text?

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- 3 How do the visuals help you understand the text?

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- 4 How do the captions help you understand the visuals?

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**C** Evaluate the text. Answer the questions.

**Did I enjoy what I read?**  
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**Did I understand it?**  
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**My Opinions**

**What part did I like best?**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**What part did I like least?**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**D** Complete the sentences.

*Bird Brains* is a \_\_\_\_\_ article.  
This type of article often contains \_\_\_\_\_.  
Where else can you read this type of text? \_\_\_\_\_

**E** Circle the correct answers.

- Some birds, such as \_\_\_\_\_, have the ability to make tools.  
**a** woodpecker finches      **b** scrub jays      **c** peacocks
- Birds will travel huge distances to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** nests      **b** food      **c** twigs
- Birds like to impress each other by singing and showing off their \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** singing      **b** flying      **c** feathers
- A person who studies birds is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**a** an ornithologist      **b** a biologist      **c** a zoologist

**F** Answer the questions.

- Which bird can't find food in winter in Europe? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which bird builds its nest on the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which bird can do math? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which bird can remember where to find things? \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra** Read the words. Write example sentences.

- revealed \_\_\_\_\_
- man-made \_\_\_\_\_
- harsh \_\_\_\_\_