

READING & WRITING

Name: _____ Group: _____ Date: _____

1 Read and answer the questions with full sentences. / 6

Hello Gina,

I'm here in Kuala Lumpur, finally! It took a long time to arrive. I can't believe it's been 40 years since I last visited. I'm staying in the same area as last time, but it has changed so much. There used to be a big park, but now the area is filled with tall buildings. This means the neighborhood is a lot busier than it was when I was here as a young man. There are also more restaurants, which makes the place crowded at all times of the day and night. Today I visited the Kuala Lumpur Tower. It wasn't here 40 years ago. You can travel all the way to the top and see the whole city below you. Up there it is easy to see how the place has changed. There is a lot more traffic, which means the roads are more congested and it can be slow to travel around. Tomorrow I'm off to one of the islands! Say hi to your mom for me.

Love, Grandpa



1. Write 3 causes and for each one and effect.

2. Read and write an answer for each question. Use complete sentences.

Where can you find a magazine article? _____

3. Poems are written in _____

4. What is a diary? _____

2 Read and answer the questions with full sentences. / 6

<i>Birds in Literature</i> All throughout history birds have appeared in art: drawn on cave walls, included in oral myths and legends, and of course, in written stories. A lot of writers find birds interesting. Read on to learn about three modern novels that feature birds.	<i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen and John Schoenherr This beautiful book describes the magic of being in the woods at night, searching for owls. It's all about appreciating nature and spending time with someone you love.
<i>The Snow Goose</i> by Paul Gallico This novel is set during wartime and tells the story of a young girl who cares for an injured snow goose. The landscape described in the novel is wild and interesting, and the story is uplifting.	<i>King of Birds</i> by Helen Ward This is a lovely fable that asks: Who will be the king of the birds? The biggest, the smallest, the most colorful? There are various birds described in the book and they are also illustrated.

1 How do you visualize the woods when you read about *Owl Moon*?

2 How do you visualize the landscape when you read about *The Snow Goose*?

3 How do you visualize the birds when you read about *King of Birds*?

3 Read and answer the questions with full sentences. / 5*Peacocks*

Peacocks are incredibly interesting birds. There are different varieties but the most recognizable is the Indian peacock with bright blue and green colors. Peacocks are omnivores and eat mostly plant parts, flower petals, small animals, and insects. Some of them even eat snakes! They look for their food in the morning or evening by scratching through leaves on the forest floor. Peacocks are famous for their colorful, feathered tails. But did you know that only the males have those gorgeous tails? The females often have dull, brown or gray feathers. Scientists believe that the male peacock developed colorful tails to attract the female. Female peacocks (called peahens) tend to choose a mate with the brightest colors. Males sometimes fight each other to show off, and also 'sing' to get a female's attention.



1. What is the author's point?

2. What are two pieces of logical information that the author provides?

3. Write about your favourite bird.