

For questions 17–24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 N O R T H E R N

Tips! Depending on the context, you may have to make only one change to the word, or more changes.

Don't spend too long thinking about answers you're not sure of. Complete as many answers as you can, then return to the ones that you haven't done. You may have a better idea of those answers as you become more familiar with the text.

Swans

For many people in (0) Europe, the start of autumn marks the beginning of the swan migration season, and the promise of a truly amazing (17) The (18) of thousands of birds at their winter homes is prompted by the (19) of dropping temperatures and cold winds in their summer habitat in places like Arctic Russia.

As the winter progresses, the number of swans (20) increases. As many as 9,000 swans (21) make the journey every year to one favourite spot in England. Once they land, they need a period of rest and (22) after their flights of up to 2,500 miles. They spend time sleeping and (23) on plants to build up the energy they have lost on the way. (24) the coming of spring signals the end of the swans' stay, and they soon begin preparing for their incredible journey back. However, by then hundreds of visitors will at least have had the chance to see them during their stay.

NORTH

SEE

ARRIVE

COMBINE

STEADY

SUCCESS

RECOVER

FOOD

FORTUNE

Advice

17 The article a before the gap tells you the answer is a noun. What is the noun that comes from the base word see?

20 This needs an adverb to qualify the verb increases. What changes will you need to make to steady to add an -ly suffix?

24 Look carefully at the gap. This needs an adverb. What changes will you make to fortune? Also, look carefully at the sense of the sentence. Is the end of the swans' stay positive or negative? The word however in the next sentence also gives you a clue. If you decide it is negative, what prefix should you add to your answer?

