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Bird and Man

This is a story about an eagle* called Sampson. Eagles are big, strong birds. Most eagles fly very fast. They like flying alone.

Sampson is different from other eagles. He has a sad past. When he was young, Sampson wasn't free*. He was shut* in a cupboard for six months.

5 Now Sampson is free, but he still isn't strong. His wings are still weak. He needs to learn how to fly.

Sampson is now part of Mr. Marshall's family. Mr. Marshall is a bird-trainer*. He is also a pilot – he flies a small airplane. Mr. Marshall teaches Sampson how to fly. How does he do this? He puts meat on the
10 tail of his airplane and flies up into the sky. Then, he calls Sampson and the eagle flies after him. It's amazing to see the bird and the airplane flying together.

Mr. Marshall says, "Golden eagles live until they are 40 or 50, so Sampson and I will grow into old men together."

*eagle נשר / נسر

*free חופשי / حرّ

*was shut היה כלוא / أُغلق

*bird-trainer מאלף ציפורים / مدرب الطيور



Did You Understand?

A. Complete the sentences.

1. Eagles are big
2. Sampson wasn't free when he was
3. Sampson's wings aren't strong. They're
4. Mr. Marshall puts on the airplane's tail.
5. Sampson flies next to Mr. Marshall's

B. Answer the questions.

1. Where was Sampson when he was young?

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2. What does Sampson need to learn?

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3. Where is Sampson now?

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4. Who is Mr. Marshall?

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5. Why does Sampson fly after the airplane?

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6. How long do eagles live?

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Vocabulary

A. Match the opposites.

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| 1. young | a. happy |
| 2. fast | b. strong |
| 3. sad | c. together |
| 4. weak | d. slow |
| 5. alone | e. old |

B. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

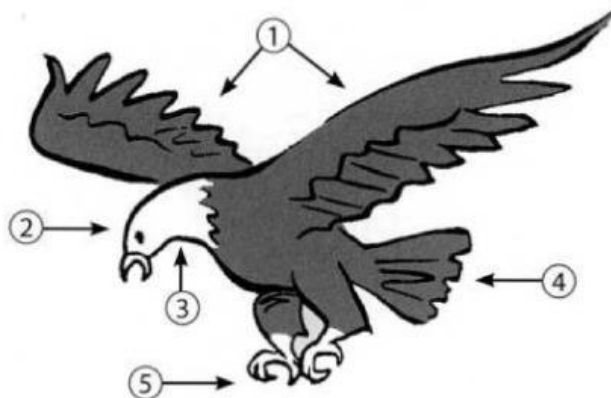
together wings fly amazing tail cupboard

- Many birds to Africa in the fall.
- We put our clothes in the
- Let's do our homework
- Look! The bird's are red!
- He is an singer. I love his songs.
- This monkey has a long

Something Extra

Label the parts of the eagle with the words below.

head tail legs wings neck



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