

Unit 7-8
Written Assessment

A. Read the passage and then answer the questions.

Eagles are one of the most well-known birds in North America. These powerful birds of prey are known for their sharp talons, hooked beaks, and incredible eyesight. They are also known for their impressive size, with some species growing to have wingspans of up to 8 feet.

Eagles belong to the family Accipitridae, which also includes hawks, kites, and vultures. There are two main species of eagles found in North America: the Bald Eagle and the Golden Eagle. The Bald Eagle is the national bird of the United States and is known for its distinctive white head and tail feathers. The Golden Eagle is known for its golden-brown plumage and can be found in a variety of habitats across North America.

Eagles are carnivores and primarily eat fish, but they are also known to eat small mammals, reptiles, and even other birds. They are skilled hunters and use their sharp talons and hooked beaks to capture and kill their prey. Eagles are also known for their incredible eyesight, which allows them to spot prey from great distances.

Eagles are monogamous which means they have the same mate for life. They build large nests, called aeries, in tall trees or on cliffs. The female eagle will lay one to three eggs, and both parents will take turns incubating them. Once the chicks hatch, both parents will continue to care for them until they are old enough to leave the nest.

Eagles play an important role in their ecosystem as apex predators, helping to control populations of smaller animals and keeping the balance of nature in check. However, eagles also face many threats, such as habitat loss, pollution, and human interference. Many species of eagles, including the Bald Eagle, have been listed as endangered, and conservation efforts are ongoing to protect these birds and their habitats.

Eagles are powerful and majestic birds of prey that are an important part of North American ecosystems. They have many unique characteristics that make them special, such as their sharp talons, hooked beaks, and incredible eyesight. Eagles are also important culturally and symbolically, as the national bird of the United States. It is important to continue conservation efforts to protect these birds and their habitats for future generations to admire and appreciate.

1. What are the main species of eagles found in North America?

2. What do eagles eat?

3. What makes eagles so good at hunting prey?

4. What does monogamous mean based on the text?

5. What are some threats that eagles face?

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunction: Even though — When — Whenever — As soon as — Although — While.

1. _____ I wake up, I brush my teeth and get ready for the secret mission.

(Tan pronto como)

2. I feel very brave, _____ the dark forest looks a little bit scary. *(Aunque)*

3. _____ I am walking through the trees, I listen to the birds singing.

(Mientras)

4. I always take my umbrella _____ it starts to rain. *(Siempre que / Cada vez que)*

5. _____ it was raining, we decided to keep playing outside. *(A pesar de que)*

6. _____ the sun goes down, it is time to go back home. *(Cuando)*