



Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	To practice: a) Scanning b) Meaning in Context	
Warmer	(Ensure that students keep their JEM closed for this activity) Teacher plays the video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hO4UaLG0zY8 1. Teacher elicits feedback. 2. Teacher introduces the topic of the day.	5 mins
Pre-reading	1. Teacher asks students to turn to page 32 and look at all the pictures to identify birds that can talk.	2 mins
While-Reading	1. Teacher instructs students to read pages 32-36 silently. 2. Teacher asks students to underline some words <i>mimic survive intelligent incredible royalty fascinating</i> 3. While reading, teacher distributes Task 1 and ask students to match the synonym for the given words.	8 mins
Post-reading	1. Teacher elicits and does feedback for Task 1. 2. Teacher distributes Task 2 . 3. Teacher gets students to complete Task 2. 4. Teacher elicits answers. 5. Teacher distributes Task 3 . 6. Teacher gets students to complete Task 3.	15 mins
Wrap	1. Teacher assigns Task 4 (True/False) as homework. 2. Teacher distributes Task 5 (word search puzzle) 3. Students need to complete the word search puzzle.	5 mins

TASK 1

Match with the correct meaning

WORD		SYNONYM
a) mimic		live
b) survive	a	imitate
c) intelligent		interesting
d) incredible		people of high status belonging to kings and queens
e) royalty		smart
f) fascinating		unbelievable, extremely good

TASK 2

Match the following main ideas with the correct paragraphs.

Main Ideas	Paragraph No
Talking birds have the special ability to imitate human speech.	
Parakeets have the imitation ability but the fast speech rate makes it harder to comprehend.	
As much as the talking birds are entertaining, we as humans must not lock them up as we don't have the rights to lock them up in bird cages.	
The Amazon Parrot is the greatest competition for The African Grey for its extremely good clarity.	
The African Grey Parrot is the smartest parrot among all talking birds.	1

TASK 3

Answer the following questions

1) What is the expertise of talking birds?

2) Why do talking birds imitate humans?

3) Name the most intelligent talking birds throughout the world?

4) Why are parakeets difficult to be understood?

5) Why were the Indian Ringneck parakeets considered to be the holy birds in India?

TASK 4

Answer True (T) or False (F) to the statements below

Statements	T/F
1) Talking birds are birds that can copy human speech.	
2) Pet birds need to mimic human to survive.	
3) African Grey parrot has the intelligence of a six year old child.	
4) Yellow Naped is the best talker, intelligent and loves singing.	
5) Mynah birds have really good voice and intonation.	

TASK 5

Find and circle all of the bird names. They may be horizontally, vertically or diagonally placed.

W K D R E K C E P D O O W H
 O W N R S W A N N F O J A Y
 R A O U I G M I N G I V M T
 C H E R L B T B N O U N U I
 P T G E R R K I U L C R C M
 E E I O A A M C T D K L O H
 L E P M S A P U A E G C A U
 I K O W L T R S Y L K I M F
 C A L F H E R O N I B E E O
 A R L C A R D I N A L V D N
 N A U K C U D G C E S O O G
 A P G R R O B I N H D D G B
 R M A G P I E N E K C I H C
 Y N E W R E N T O R R A P I
 E R S D D R A V E N A N Y M

BLACKBIRD
 BUDGIE
 CANARY
 CARDINAL
 CHICKEN
 CRANE
 CROW
 DODO
 DOVE
 DUCK

EAGLE
 EMU
 FALCON
 FINCH
 FLAMINGO
 GOOSE
 HAWK
 HERON
 JAY
 MAGPIE

MARTIN
 MOCKINGBIRD
 MYNA
 OSTRICH
 OWL
 PARAKEET
 PARROT
 PELICAN
 PIGEON
 RAVEN

ROBIN
 SEAGULL
 SPARROW
 SWAN
 TURKEY
 VULTURE
 WOODPECKER
 WREN

ANSWERS

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d) incredible	e	people of high status belonging to kings and queens
e) royalty	c	smart
f) fascinating	d	unbelievable, extremely good

TASK 2

Match the following main ideas with the correct paragraphs.

Main Ideas	Paragraph No
Talking birds have the special ability to imitate human speech.	1
Parakeets have the imitation ability but the fast speech rate makes it harder to comprehend.	4
As much as the talking birds are entertaining, we as humans must not lock them up as we don't have the rights to lock them up in bird cages.	6
The Amazon Parrot is the greatest competition for The African Grey for its extremely good clarity.	3
The African Grey Parrot is the smartest parrot among all talking birds.	2

TASK 3

1. Talking birds can imitate human speech and the sounds of other birds.
2. Talking birds imitate humans because the sound is interesting to them and it gets them attention.
3. The most intelligent talking bird is the African Grey parrot.
4. Parakeets are difficult to understand because they talk very fast in a high-pitched voice.
5. The Indian Ring neck parakeets are considered holy birds because they could repeat the prayers the priests were chanting.

TASK 4

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) False
- 4) True
- 5) False