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BIRDS

1. Answer the following questions.

- a. **What are talons? How are sharp claws useful to birds? Explain with examples. Give examples of birds which have webbed feet.**

Ans. Sharp and curved claws are called talons.

Birds like eagles and vultures have talons and use it for catching preys like mice and snakes. Some birds like hens and rooster, dig out the ground with their sharp claws to get their food. Some birds, such as sparrow and crows, use their feet to get a grip on the tree branches and sit. Water birds, such as ducks and swans, have webbed feet.

- b. **What is the use of webbed feet? Describe the legs and toes of cranes and herons. What is its use? Which bird's feet have no nerves and blood vessels? How is it useful?**

Ans. Water birds such as ducks and swans have webbed feet. Their front toes are covered with skin and this helps them to swim in water and waddle on land.

Birds such as cranes and herons have long legs with long thin toes which help them to wade through muddy water without getting wet.

The ducks' feet have no nerves and blood vessels. This means that the duck never feels cold even if it swims in icy cold water.

c. What do you understand by the term waddle? Name a bird which waddles. Write down the importance of nests.

Ans.Waddle means to walk using short steps while rocking from side to side. Birds such as ducks and swans waddle on land.

Nests are important for various reasons.

- Nests keep the birds safe from enemies that may harm them.
- Nests protect them from bad weather.
- Nests are home for the eggs and the young chicks.

d. How do the birds take care of their young ones? Name a bird that does not build its nest .

Ans. Birds lay their eggs in the nest.The mother bird keeps the egg warm by sitting on them for some days till it is time for the eggs to hatch. Birds keep their young ones safe by keeping them away from the enemies.

Birds use their beaks to feed their young ones.

The cuckoo bird does not build its nest.