BIRD BRAINS

Question Support

CRITICAL ANALYSIS

1. Recall Why do the crows drop walnuts in front of cars?

2. Recall How do African honey guides help humans?

3. Clarify What behaviors do scientists interpret as being signs of intelligence in birds?

Directions: Answer the questions.

4. Identify Main Idea and Details Reread the selection “Playing Games with Humans.” Write M beside the sentence that states the main idea. Write D beside each sentence that states a detail.
   ___ a. Birds have been filmed ripping windshield wipers from cars.
   ___ b. Birds enjoy wind surfing on the car mirror.
   ___ c. Some birds are fascinated by telephones.
   ___ d. Birds seem to enjoy playing games as humans do.

5. Analyze Text Features Why do you think the author included the photographs and captions with this article?
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6. Evaluate Information Underline one word in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.
   I think the author (does, doesn’t) provide an adequate amount of reliable and relevant details to support his main idea because ____________________________________________
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7. Make Judgments Name the activity or ability the author mentions for each bird.
   a. crow ___________________________________________________________
   b. African grey parrot ______________________________________________
   c. kea ____________________________________________________________
   d. jackdaw _________________________________________________________
   The bird I think is most intelligent is ________________________.
   I feel this way because ____________________________________________