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Parakeets aren't just beautiful and fun-loving, they also have a special place in the hearts of humans. Many people keep them as pets because they are friendly, easy to care for and can even learn to mimic human speech! They live for about 10 to 15 years, growing from tiny hatchlings to mature birds, and throughout their lives, they bring joy to those around them. So, whether they're whizzing through the sky, munching on a snack, or chattering away in their cage, parakeets truly are a feathered treasure.

**Solve each problem.****Use the article to answer the question.**

- 1) What is the shape of a parakeet's tail?
 - A. Short and round.
 - B. Curved and feathered.
 - C. Flat and long.
 - D. Long and tapered.

- 2) Can parakeets mimic human speech?
 - A. Only adult parakeets
 - B. Yes
 - C. No
 - D. Only young parakeets

- 3) Where are parakeets native to?
 - A. Europe.
 - B. Australia.
 - C. Africa.
 - D. Asia.

- 4) How long do parakeets live for?
 - A. 5 to 8 years.
 - B. 10 to 15 years.
 - C. 16 to 20 years.
 - D. 20 to 25 years.

- 5) Why do people like to keep parakeets as pets?
 - A. Because they can guard the house, fight with intruders and help in hunting.
 - B. Because they are friendly and easy to care for.
 - C. Because they are rare, expensive and hard to breed.
 - D. Because they bring good luck, fortune and prosperity.

- 6) What kind of beak do parakeets have?
 - A. Large and hooked for tearing meat.
 - B. Long and pointed for drilling into trees.
 - C. Sharp and strong for catching fish.
 - D. Small and perfect for cracking open seeds.

- 7) Where do parakeets nest?
 - A. In tree hollows.
 - B. In caves.
 - C. In water bodies.
 - D. On ground.

- 8) What is included in a parakeet's diet?
 - A. Dairy, bread, and nuts.
 - B. Seeds, fruits, vegetables, and insects.
 - C. Meat, fish, and grains.
 - D. Sugar, salt, and oil.

- 9) What color can parakeets be?
 - A. Only green
 - B. Only blue
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- 10) How do parakeets forage for food?
 - A. By diving into the water.
 - B. By flying high into the sky.
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- 13) "You can recognize me by my long, tapered tail and my small beak."
- 14) "My colors are dull."
- 15) "I do not eat insects."
- 16) "I'm originally from Africa."
- 17) "Seeds, fruits, vegetables and even insects - we enjoy a varied diet."
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- 22) "I can live for 50 years."
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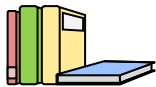
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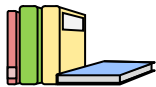
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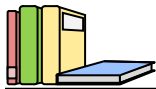


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