



Grade 4 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

The Osprey

The osprey is not as large as the eagle, but he has a hooked bill and sharp claws like the eagle.

His coloring is dark brown with black and white spots, and he is from twenty to twenty-two inches long. His breast is mostly white. His tail and wings are long.

The osprey is often found sitting in a tree over a pond, lake or river. He is also found by the seaside.

He watches the fish as they swim in the water beneath him, and then he darts down suddenly and catches one of them.

When he catches a fish in his sharp, rough claws, he carries it off to eat. As he flies away with it for his dinner, an eagle sees him.

The eagle flies at him fiercely with his sharp bill and claws and compels the osprey to drop the fish.

Then the eagle catches the fish as it falls and carries it off.

The poor osprey, with a loud cry, timidly flies away. He must go again to the water and catch another fish for his dinner.





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Questions:

1. Where do ospreys live?

2. Why does the osprey let the eagle take its fish?

3. How are ospreys and eagles alike?

4. Why do you think ospreys live where they do?



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Answers:

1. Where do ospreys live?
Ospreys live near water: pond, river or lake.
2. Why does the osprey let the eagle take its fish?
The osprey is scared by the eagle as the eagle is bigger.
3. How are ospreys and eagles alike?
Ospreys and eagles both have a hooked bill and claws. They also both eat fish.
4. Why do you think ospreys live where they do?
Ospreys live by the water because they eat fish.