

Extended Hunter Questions

Now it's time to perfect your hunting skills!
The passage below is an extract from a fictional news article. Read it, read the questions, read the passage again and annotate it before you answer. Don't forget to check the number of marks on offer!



In a shocking turn of events earlier today, a pigeon saved the life of an unlikely friend. Baffled onlookers in London's Trafalgar Square seemed confused at the sight of dramatic flapping of wings in a nearby restaurant. "At first we thought it just wanted some pizza crust," explained witness, Sally Cranston, "but usually a pigeon will fly off when you shoo it away - this one was more determined than any pigeon I've ever seen!" This beaky botherer was no thief, it later turned out. Swerving between angry diners, the feathered ninja swooped down and plucked a cup of icy mineral water from the table of two elderly ladies. The screams and yelps of irritable customers were heard as the paper cup was carried at speed out of the restaurant. By this point, a crowd had gathered around the commotion, only to see the winged warrior soar across the square and drop the cold water straight into the face of a homeless man, lying on the ground. Among jeers and pointing fingers, the seemingly sleeping man gasped, coughed and spluttered. It became clear that this man had not been sleeping, but had rather taken quite ill. The surrounding crowds, upon noticing the previously invisible man, rushed to his side and an ambulance was soon called. The man, identified as Simon Entwistle, 46, is recovering in hospital from a heart attack and has been said to be very grateful to the plucky pigeon who spotted he was in trouble.

a) Where did the news story take place?

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b) What did onlookers originally think that the pigeon was trying to do?

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c) What was the name of the quoted witness?

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d) List four names that the writer gives to the hero of the story.

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e) What did the pigeon do to attract attention to the man?

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f) What was wrong with the homeless man, when everyone thought he was just sleeping? Give evidence to prove your answer.

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g) Find four verbs which describe the actions of the pigeon.

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MARK SCHEME

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Marking is somewhat open to interpretation. Marks should be given to reasonably similar ideas and presentation to the examples below, with appropriate evidence. Deduct marks for missing/inaccurate evidence and poor presentation/structure.

- a) The news story took place in, 'London's Trafalgar Square.'(1)
- b) Onlookers thought the pigeon was trying to steal food (1), shown by the phrase, "at first, we thought it just wanted some pizza crust."(1)
- c) The witness' name was 'Sally Cranston'. (1)
- d) The writer calls the pigeon the following names: "Feathered ninja"(1), "beaky botherer"(1), "winged warrior"(1) and "plucky pigeon."(1)
- e) The pigeon splashed water on the man which made him cough.(1) "Drop the cold water straight into the face of a homeless man."(1) This made the crowds notice him and drew attention to the fact he was poorly.(1)
- f) The homeless man was poorly/ill/unwell (1). The passage says he had suffered a "heart attack."(1)
- g) Four verbs to describe the actions of the pigeon are, "swerving"(1), "flapping"(1), "plucked"(1) and "soar"(1). (Also accept "carried"/"drop"/"saved")