

Jurek Bialik and His Wrocław-based Gruszętnik

I. Comprehension exercise. Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did Jurek Bialik start Gruszętnik?

- a. To organise birdwatching tours
- b. To help birds that had few places to turn to for assistance
- c. To breed domestic pigeons

2. Where is the foundation's veterinary clinic?

- a. Warsaw
- b. Kraków
- c. Wrocław

3. What does the foundation do with some birds after treatment?

- a. It always keeps them permanently
- b. It releases them or arranges suitable sanctuary care
- c. It sends all of them abroad

4. What should you do if you are unsure how to help an injured bird?

- a. Ask a specialist for advice
- b. Give it bread and milk
- c. Feed it immediately, whatever the species

5. Why can it be dangerous to misidentify a bird?

- a. It may fly away
- b. It may be given inappropriate food or care
- c. It will stop recognising people

6. How can people support Gruszętnik?

- a. Only by adopting a pigeon
- b. Only by becoming veterinarians
- c. Through donations, volunteering and other practical help

II. Word bank. Complete the sentences. Use each word just once.

rehabilitation · volunteers · fledglings · donations · species · registered · recognise · injured

1. The Gruszętnik Foundation was officially.....in 2021.
2. The foundation helps sick and.....birds.
3. Some birds need weeks of treatment and.....
4. The foundation has.....in different parts of Poland.
5. Pigeons can.....people by their faces.
6. People should identify the bird's.....before choosing its food.
7. Young birds that are learning to fly are called.....
8. People can support the foundation by making.....

III. Let's talk!

1. Do you like birds? Regardless of your answer, justify it.
2. Do you have any birds at home, such as budgies, canaries or other birds? If so, why did you decide to get them?
3. What are birds associated with in literature, music and art?
4. What do birds bring to human life?
5. A point to consider: What do humans bring to the lives of birds? Do humans contribute anything valuable, or do they rather hinder birds' development? Discuss this issue, for example, in the context of construction projects, urban development and agriculture.
6. What do birds symbolise, for example, in literature and art?

IV. Vocabulary. Label the illustrations with the correct words.

collared dove · woodcock · goldcrest · swan · heron · buzzard · wood pigeon



a:



b:



c:



f:



d:



e:



g:

Answers:

I. 1.b, 2.c, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b, 6.c

II. 1.registered, 2.injured, 3.rehabilitation, 4.volunteers, 5.recognise, 6.species, 7.fledglings, 8.donations

IV. a. buzzard, b. collared dove, c. goldcrest, d. heron, e. swan, f. wood pigeon, g. woodcock