

Peacocks — Nature's Most Colorful Bird



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A peacock is a large **bird** that lives in India and other warm parts of Asia. It has a small head, a long neck, and a round **body**. The male peacock is famous for its **beautiful color**. Its feathers can be blue, green, and gold. Many people think the peacock is one of the most amazing birds in the world.

The male peacock has a very long **tail**. The **tail** feathers can grow longer than the peacock's whole body! Each feather has a round **shape** at the end, like a small eye. The colors on the tail are very **bright** and shiny. They flash in the sunlight like tiny jewels.

When a male peacock wants to find a mate, it does something special. It can **open** its long tail feathers into a huge, round fan. This is called a **show**. The peacock stands very tall and looks very **proud** when it opens its tail. Female peacocks watch this show and pick the male with the best tail.

Female peacocks are called peahens. A peahen does not have a long, bright tail like the male. Her **body** is mostly brown and grey, not blue or green. This helps her hide from danger when she is sitting on her eggs. Even without bright colors, a peahen is still a clever and careful **bird**.

Peacocks like to live near forests, farms, and even temples. They walk slowly and often make a loud call. People feel **proud** to see a peacock open its tail in real life. Its **beautiful** colors and amazing **shape** make the peacock one of nature's most special birds.

A. Vocabulary

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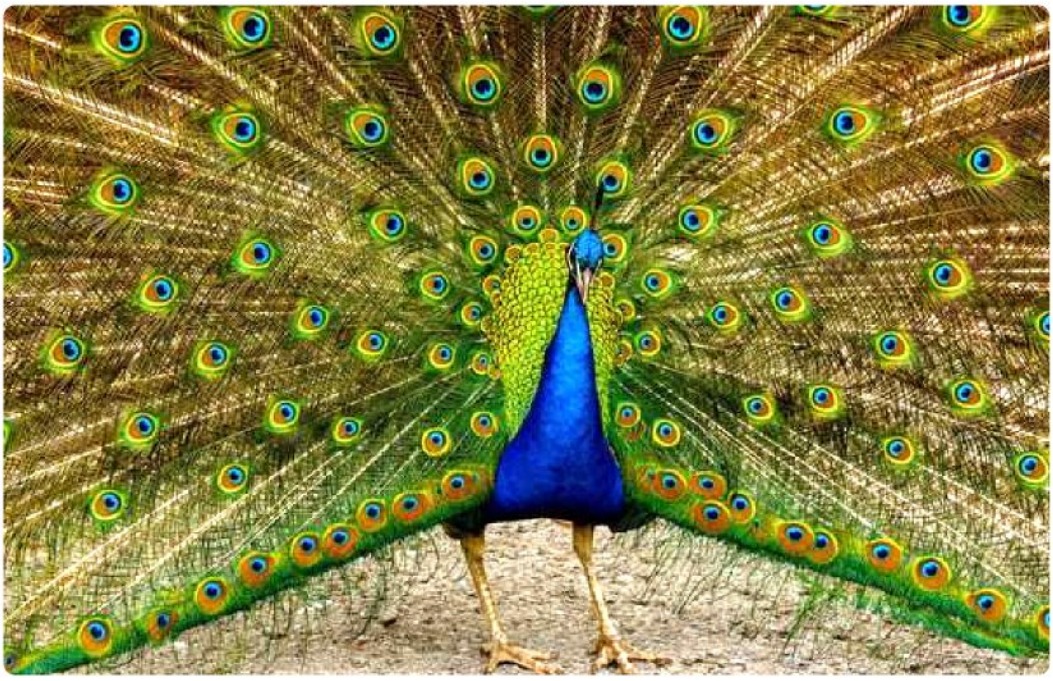
1. bird ____	a. feeling pleased and good about yourself or something you did
2. color ____	b. giving off a lot of light; strong and vivid in color
3. beautiful ____	c. the outer form or outline of something
4. tail ____	d. an animal with feathers, wings, and a beak that can usually fly
5. bright ____	e. red, blue, green, yellow, or another shade that we see with our eyes
6. body ____	f. very pretty or pleasing to look at
7. shape ____	g. the part at the back of an animal's body
8. show ____	h. the whole physical form of a person or animal

9. proud ____ i. something done so that other people can see and watch it

10. open ____ j. to move something so that it is no longer closed

B. True or False

1. A peacock is a kind of fish. ____
2. Male peacocks have beautiful, bright colors. ____
3. A peacock's tail feathers can grow longer than its whole body. ____
4. Each tail feather has a round shape like a small eye. ____
5. A male peacock keeps its tail closed all the time. ____
6. Female peacocks are called peahens. ____
7. Peahens have long, bright blue tails just like males. ____
8. A peahen's brown body helps her hide from danger. ____
9. Peacocks never make any loud sounds. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: bird, tail, bright, show, proud

1. A peacock is a large _____ that lives in India and other parts of Asia.

2. The male peacock's _____ feathers can grow longer than its whole body.

3. The colors on the tail are very _____ and shiny in the sunlight.

4. When a male wants to find a mate, it opens its tail in a _____.

5. The peacock stands tall and looks very _____ when it opens its tail.

D. Comprehension Questions

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1. What colors can a male peacock's feathers be?

2. Describe what a peacock's tail feather looks like at the end.

3. What does a male peacock do when it wants to find a mate?

4. How is a female peacock (a peahen) different from a male peacock?

5. Where do peacocks like to live?

E. Discussion Questions

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1. Have you ever seen a peacock open its tail? How did it make you feel?

2. Why do you think peacocks have such bright, beautiful colors?

3. If you were a peahen, what would you look for in a peacock's tail show?





Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-d, 2-e, 3-f, 4-g, 5-b, 6-h, 7-c, 8-i, 9-a, 10-j

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-bird, 2-tail, 3-bright, 4-show, 5-proud

D. Comprehension:

1. A male peacock's feathers can be blue, green, and gold.
2. Each tail feather has a round shape at the end, like a small eye, and the colors flash brightly in the sunlight.
3. A male peacock opens its long tail feathers into a huge, round fan to show off for a female.
4. A female peacock (peahen) has a mostly brown and grey body instead of a long, bright tail, which helps her hide from danger.
5. Peacocks like to live near forests, farms, and even temples.

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