

True or False Statements

A cold, icy wind chilled her to the bone. She hugged her coat closer to her, in a feeble attempt to feel warmer. Her feet crunched wearily along the icy path as the anger, once again, built up within her. She had told him to leave the gate shut. She had reminded him time and time again. Brothers can be so annoying! Her anger quickly turned to panic again at the thought of her poor, defenceless boy, out here in the bitterly cold weather. He was only 4 months old, for goodness sake! She just had to find him soon; she dared not think about what would happen if she didn't.

The weak sun was already beginning to sink below the horizon and the temperature was dropping even further. They had forecast snow tonight. She stopped for a moment and listened. She scanned the bushes and fields, looking for any hint of black or white. The fading light was not helping her. Perhaps his red collar might show up better? She shouted his name for the hundredth time that day, "Charlie. Come here boy. Charlie...come on!" She listened carefully. Nothing. No bark or whimper could be heard. She sighed deeply and continued walking.

It was getting dark now. She hated to give up but she knew her mum would be furious if she stayed out any longer. Tears fell shamelessly down her cheeks, as she headed reluctantly towards home. Snow flakes began to float gently from the sky, covering the fields in a light dusting of white. She would normally have been excited by the arrival of snow but not today. Suddenly, in front of her, a pheasant crashed nosily through the hedge. It was quickly followed by a bouncing, barking ball of black and white fluff. The ball of fluff seemed quite excited about this game, unlike the pheasant who quickly took to the skies to escape the annoying creature. Tasha couldn't believe her eyes. Charlie seemed rather pleased by the arrival of his favourite playmate as he was getting rather tired and hungry. Tasha scooped the excited puppy into her arms and promised never to let him out of her sight again.

- Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Tasha's brother allowed the puppy to escape.		
It was morning, as the sun was starting to rise.		
Charlie was black and white in colour and wore no collar.		
Tasha's mum would be happy for her to stay out longer.		
The ground was thick with snow.		
Charlie was found chasing a pheasant.		

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Pheasants are one of the UK's most colourful birds and have been a common sight in our countryside since they were introduced here by the Romans over 2000 years ago. Pheasants can also be found in Western Europe, central Asia and China.

Habits and Habitats

Pheasants eat a diet of seeds, berries and insects. Their preferred habitat is wooded farmland or marshy grassland. Pheasants usually build their nest on the ground and prefer to spend their time hiding in the long grass. Their main predator is the fox.

Flight

Pheasants tend only to fly for short distances but they are capable of reaching speeds of up to 48mph. Pheasants do not migrate like many other birds so they are a common sight throughout the winter.

Rooster and Hens

Male pheasants are called 'roosters' and they are vibrantly coloured with blue-green heads, red eye-patches and bold white neck rings. Whereas the females (called 'hens') are a rather plain brown colour. Both males and females have long, pointed tails. Females can lay up to 12 eggs and it is they who incubate the eggs and rear the chicks alone.

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	True	False
Pheasants were introduced to the UK by the Romans.		
Pheasants eat a diet of seeds, berries and insects.		
Pheasants can fly at speeds of 43mph.		
Pheasants do not migrate for the winter.		
The males are plain brown in colour.		
Only the male has a long, pointed tail.		

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How to Look after a Puppy

A puppy can be a wonderful addition to the family but they can also be a great deal of hard work. Puppies have to be toilet trained, taught basic commands, exercised, fed a healthy balanced diet and given plenty of love. Patience will be needed, as puppies are known to chew favourite shoes, toys and items of furniture.

What you need:

- Collar and lead
- Water and food bowl
- Warm, comfy bed
- Brush
- Safe chew toys
- Patience!

What you need to do:

1. Choose the right type of dog to suit your family. Think about how large the dog will be as an adult. Consider how much exercise your dog will need.
2. Make sure your home is a safe environment for a puppy. Keep electrical cables out of reach. Lock away cleaning/chemical products. Ensure low-level windows are locked.
3. Invest in a child gate to keep the puppy in a safe place whilst you are out.
4. Take your puppy to the vets for a health check and the necessary vaccinations.
5. Once vaccinated, give your puppy lots of opportunities to visit different places and meet other dogs.
6. It's worth taking your puppy to dog training classes where you will both receive plenty of help and support.
7. Don't forget to play with your puppy and give it lots of love and attention.

Top tip:

If handled correctly, the rewards can be great as puppies soon grow into loving, loyal and obedient companions.

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Puppies are a great deal of hard work.		
Puppies are usually toilet trained already.		
Electrical cables need to be out of reach.		
Dog training classes will support both you and our dog.		
Once vaccinated, keep your puppy away from other dogs.		
Puppies need to be played with and given lots of attention.		