

Practice 4: Study Skills

Directions: Read each question. Then choose the best answer. On your answer sheet, darken the circle for the correct answer.

For his science project, Justin collected information about various types of birds and used the information to make the following chart.

Bird Family	Cuckoos	Woodpeckers	Swifts	Swallows	Shrikes
Family name	<i>cuculidae</i>	<i>picidae</i>	<i>apodidae</i>	<i>hirundinidae</i>	<i>laniidae</i>
Color	gray-brown backs, white underparts	black, white, red, green, browns, grays, yellow	dark brown, black; can have white on throat	some dull; others blue and green, white underparts	grayish, black-and-white; can be bright red or green
Bill/Beak	long, curved	straight, pointed, strong	small bill; large mouth	small bill; large mouth	hooked, hawk-like
Tail	long; raised and drooped when perching	pointed; stiff for support in hopping up tree trunk	sharp tips on tail feathers	forked	long, pointed
Call/Song	loud call; no song	some with quiet call note; some with loud scream	noisy, screaming	twittering song	unmusical, chattering note; pretty warble
Nesting	low trees, undergrowth	hollowed-out trees	chimneys, hollowed-out trees	barns, cliffs	trees
Habits	solitary, migrate	drill holes in bark to search for food	catch insects as they fly	catch insects as they fly; very graceful	eat field mice, large insects
Examples	yellow-billed cuckoo, black-billed cuckoo	red-headed woodpecker, flicker	chimney swift	barn swallow, tree swallow, purple martin	loggerhead

1. A purple martin is an example of a—
 - A cuckoo
 - B woodpecker
 - C swallow
 - D shrike

2. According to the chart, which kind of bird has a hooked, hawk-like beak?
 - A Shrike
 - B Woodpecker
 - C Cuckoo
 - D Swift

3. Swifts build their nests in—
 - A undergrowth
 - B barns
 - C chimneys
 - D low trees

4. The family name for woodpeckers is—
 - A *cuculidae*
 - B *laniidae*
 - C *apodidae*
 - D *picidae*

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - A Cuckoos have straight, pointed beaks and long tails.
 - B Swallows have forked tails and small bills.
 - C Woodpeckers build their nests in barns and eat field mice.
 - D Shrikes have sharp tail feathers and long, curved bills.

6. Swifts and swallows are similar because both birds—
 - A have forked tails
 - B nest in barns and on cliffs
 - C have white underparts
 - D catch insects as they fly

7. A flicker is one kind of—
 - A cuckoo
 - B woodpecker
 - C swallow
 - D shrike

8. Which type of bird uses its tail for support?
 - A Cuckoo
 - B Swift
 - C Woodpecker
 - D Shrike

9. A woodpecker needs a straight, pointed beak so it can—
 - A make loud calls
 - B catch insects as it flies
 - C eat field mice
 - D drill holes in tree bark

10. *Hirundinidae* is the family name for—
 - A cuckoos
 - B swifts
 - C swallows
 - D shrikes