

- Read the paragraphs. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Seagulls do not really live on the sea. Many build their nests on small islands. Others live along the shores of oceans and lakes. Gulls make their homes throughout the world, even in Antarctica. They are excellent at finding food. Sometimes they follow ships for food. Gulls also catch insects and fish. Some gulls drop shellfish from the air onto rocks. Then they eat the shellfish from the broken shells.

Most gulls make their nests on the ground, such as beaches or riverbanks. Some species of gulls, such as the kittiwake, make nests in cliffs. Gulls lay two or three greenish brown, speckled eggs at a time. The eggs take three to four weeks to hatch. When the chicks are born, they are able to see and stand, but the parents must feed them and keep them warm.

- 1 Which of these sentences belongs in a summary of the first paragraph?
- A Seagulls are beautiful birds to watch.
  - B Seagulls need the ocean to survive.
  - C Clever seagulls know how to break open the shells of shellfish.
  - D Seagulls live throughout the world and have many ways of finding food.

**Tip**

Eliminate choices that do not appear in the first paragraph.

- 2 Which of these is an important detail to be included in a summary of the first paragraph?
- A Seagulls actually live on land, not on the sea.
  - B Seagulls eat insects.
  - C Some seagulls make their nests in cliffs.
  - D Seagulls eat seaweed.

**Tip**

Eliminate the less important details.

- 3 Which of these sentences belongs in a summary of the second paragraph?
- A Seagulls have greenish brown eggs.
  - B Most seagulls make their nests on the ground and lay several eggs at a time.
  - C Seagulls follow earthworm trails.
  - D Seagulls lay eggs and leave them before they hatch.

**Tip**

Which of the answer choices summarizes the main idea of the second paragraph?