

People often view pigeons as annoying birds that live in cities. But there are more than 300 different species of pigeons found all over the world, with the widest variety found in India, Asia and Australia. Many of these species are covered with beautiful iridescent feathers.

Pigeonhole

Both male and female pigeons care for their young. Both produce a nutritious substance called "pigeon milk" to feed their young.

In the wild, pigeons prefer to nest on cliffs and rocky ledges. Pigeons in urban environments look for similar areas to nest, such as tall buildings, bridges and windowsills.

Pigeons tend to stay with one mate for their entire life.

The passenger pigeon was once the most abundant bird in North America. They were hunted into extinction by the early 1900s.

A pigeon's diet consists mainly of seeds and plant material, but they will feed on most anything they can find.

Pigeons are intelligent animals. They are able to recognize themselves in a mirror, identify different humans by their facial features and remember letters of the alphabet.

Most of the pigeons we see in cities around the world are the feral descendants of the wild rock pigeon that was domesticated more than 5,000 years ago.

Homing pigeons have the ability to find their way home from great distances. Scientists believe they are able to use the sun, smells, visual clues and the Earth's magnetic field to navigate. People have used homing pigeons to send messages for thousands of years.

Why was the pigeon arrested by the government? For an attempted coo.

This cartoon is just winging it.

When flying, a pigeon's heart may beat as fast as 10 times per second.

What do you get when you cross a homing pigeon with a parrot? Voice mail.

What do you get when you cross a pigeon with a seventeen-syllable Japanese poem? A hai-coo.

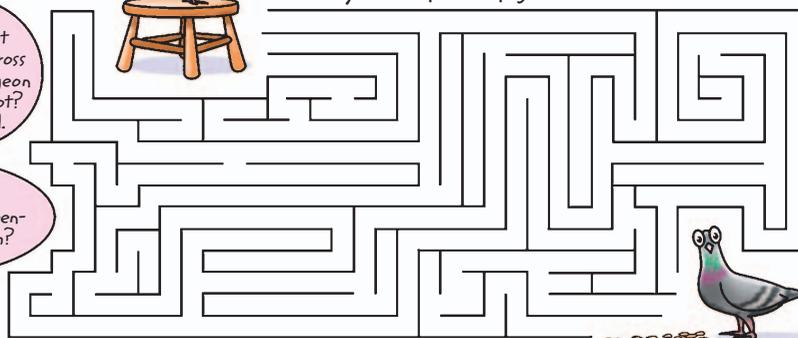
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Pondering The Pigeon

Stool Pigeon

Can you help this pigeon reach the seeds?



What is the opposite of a pigeon? A pige-off.

I'm the most famous Saiyan in the Dragon Ball world.



Word Search

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

EXTINCT	FERAL	ASIA
MIRROR	ROCK	MILK
PIGEON	INDIA	CITY
SQUAB	HOME	DIET
URBAN	FEED	BOB
SEEDS	WILD	SUN
MRPOTATOHEAD		
DAOWL	CHEMICLE	
OF SRNANOISEIE		
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STANDODIBOUAI		
ABANANASCQUIL		
LEARNOOKSPACK		

A baby pigeon is called a "squab."

For The Birds

A pigeon's eyes are located on the sides of their head. This gives them a 340-degree view, but they do have a blind spot directly in front of and behind their head.

Pigeons are strong fliers, able to fly hundreds of kilometers in a single day at speeds of nearly 100 km/hr (62 mph).



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