



ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION

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Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow :

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well-but none of them can talk as we do. That is, animals cannot speak and therefore cannot use words.

Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells, movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals. They express joy or anger or fear through these.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved - just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then 10 organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

1.While human beings use words to communicate, birds and animals are different since they use _____ for communication.

2.Though birds and animals cannot communicate like human beings, they are capable of _____.

3.The complicated process of human speech requires a very special way of using _____.

4.Using words for communication requires intelligence and _____.

5.Pick out a word form the third paragraph that means 'to move from side to side very quickly and with small movements'