

Jacana Fun Quiz – Solutions

Q 1. What are you likely to see birds doing?

A 1. You are likely to see birds flying across the sky or swimming in the water.

Q 2. What are you likely to see the Jacana doing?

A 2. You are likely to see the Jacana walking on leaves on a lake.

Q 3. What is the Jacana also known as, and why?

A 3. The Jacana is also known as the Lily Trotter or Lotus Bird, because it can walk on the leaves of water plants, (such as Water Lilies and Lotuses) .

Q 4. What does the Jacana have at the ends of its feet?

A 4. The Jacana has long straight claws at the ends of its feet.

Q 5. How does the Jacana walk on the leaves of water plants?

A 5. The Jacana's long straight claws spread out its weight across the surface of the leaves so the Jacana can walk without fear of drowning.

Q 6. What does the Jacana look like?

A 6. The Jacana is a smart bird with dark wings and a lighter colour below.

Q 7. Why is the Jacana found in Asia called Pheasant-tailed?

A 7. The Jacana found in Asia is called Pheasant-tailed because when it is in love its tail feathers grow, like the long tail-feathers of a Pheasant.

Q 8. Where does the Jacana build its flimsy nest?

A 8. The Jacana builds its flimsy nest on a patch of floating leaves.

Q 9. What does the Jacana do after it builds a nest?

A 9. After the Jacana builds a nest it waits until its chicks hatch out.

Q 10. What happens when the Jacana has a clutch of little chicks?

A 10. When the Jacana has a clutch of little chicks it teaches them how to balance and walk on Water Lily leaves until they too can trot with nonchalance.

Fun with words – Meanings in Context

balance = controlled movement to avoid falling

chance = possibility or risk of some event happening

clutch = a group of birds born at the same time

fragile = not strong, lacking solidity

hatch = when a young bird comes out of its egg

nonchalance = unconcerned, in a carefree way

pheasant = long-tailed bird found in many parts of the world

Tidbit – Helpful Hint

> There are many names for groups of animals and birds. Some of them are: a flock of birds, a swarm of bees, a herd of cattle, a school of fish and a leap of leopards.