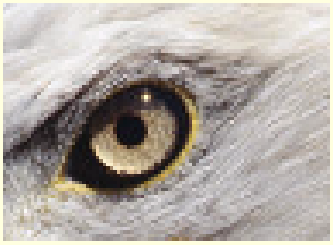
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Guess the creature!









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What do you know about eagles?

How do falcons and eagles compare?

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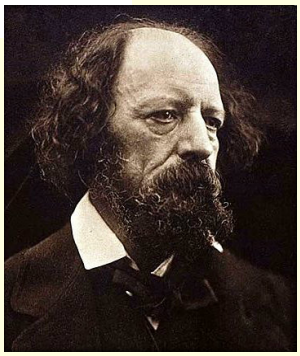
Summary:

1.Unlike falcons, eagles are built heavy and strong.
2.When compared to falcons, eagles have strong talons.
3.The eagles catch their prey by grabbing and then crushing it with its talons. The falcons dive and hit the prey suddenly giving the prey a surprise.
4.Falcons have a tomial tooth whereas eagles do not have this.
5.Eagles are very aggressive. On the other hand, falcons are not aggressive but have a pleasant character.
6.While eagles have a broad-chested body, falcons have a slim body.
7.Another feature of eagles are its prominent eyebrow-like ridge above the eyes. This is not seen in falcons.
8.Falcons have long and pointed wings whereas the eagles have broad and rounded wings. While Falcons have black or very dark brown eyes, eagles have different eye colors.

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This week, our poem is called 'The Eagle' and is by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

- Alfred Lord Tennyson was the Poet Laureate for much of the last half of the 19th century. Today, he is one of the most well known poets of all time, and one of the most quoted of writers.
- As a child Tennyson loved to read and was writing poetry at an early age. At the age of 12, he wrote a poem that was 6,000 lines long.
- He was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1809. He was still writing poetry in his 80s when he died in 1892, and is buried in Poets Corner, in Westminster Abbey, London.



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Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-mTNkXUFlg

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Tell your partner what the poem is about.



Summary of *The Eagle*

'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson is a short two stanza poem that speaks on the power and solitude of a lone eagle on a rocky cliff.

The poem begins with the speaker describing how a solitary eagle is standing on the top of a craggy cliff. From where he is perched, with his "crooked hands" gripping the rocks, he can survey the whole "azure world" around and below him.

Tennyson's eagle is in a real place of power and as soon as he is ready to, and not a moment sooner, he dives. In the final line, he makes his surprise move, barreling down towards the water in search of prey.

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Define these 2 words with a partner.

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Azure means a bright blue colour

ring'd refers to the way the sky encircles the eagle's head

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Now we know what ring'd and azure mean, what does Tennyson mean by 'Ring'd with the azure world'?

the halo of the blue sky which crowns the eagle

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Can you recite the poem by heart? Practise with your partner.

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