



## PEREGRINE FALCON ANSWERS

1. D. With their specially designed wings, these raptors can reach speeds of almost 300 kilometers per hour in a steep dive.
2. C. The long, narrow shape of Peregrine Falcon wings is not good for soaring, but is designed to help them dive at great speeds to catch prey.
3. B. Peregrine Falcons are most often seen hunting along shores and wetlands.
4. A. True. Peregrine Falcons are the most widespread species on earth and are found on all continents except Antarctica.
5. C. Peregrines use their tomial tooth to kill their prey. The tomial tooth is a second hook on their beak that is useful when they break the necks of their prey.
6. D. There are about 288 species of birds of prey in the Order Falconiformes. Only about 50 of these, including the Peregrine, are true falcons.
7. A. As part of their courting rituals, Peregrines try to impress each other with daredevil aerial acrobatics such as dive-bombing.
8. B. Female Peregrines usually lay between 3 or 4 eggs at a time.
9. C. Fledging is the stage when a young bird begins to fly.
10. A. True. Like most species of raptors, the female Peregrine is larger than the male. Once Peregrines have mated, the males tend to keep a safe distance from the more aggressive females.