

*Reading Explorer 4* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

Answers, pp. 38-40

### **Reading Comprehension**

1. Why do ...?  
(b) to attract a mate
2. Which factor?  
(c) the wide variety of breeding systems
3. Why did ...?  
(a) There was a high demand for feathers to use in European hats.
4. Why do ...?  
(c) to make traditional costumes
5. The following sentence ...?  
(d) paragraph M

### **Identifying Meaning**

1. bows (paragraph A)  
(b) bends body forward
2. row (paragraph A)  
(a) a number of things in a row
3. stage (paragraph C)  
(a) A place where people perform
4. display (paragraph D)  
(b) an event of performance meant to entertain
5. present (paragraph J)  
(c) to cause something

### **Identifying Figurative Language**

1. Covered in soft, black feathers, the noble performer bows deeply to his audience.  
(paragraph A)  
(P) personification
2. He spreads and moves his wings intensely, like a giant butterfly. (paragraph E)  
(S) simile
3. The male Carola's parotia, however, is the dance king of the birds of paradise.  
(P) personification
4. These include one in which he spreads out his feathers like a dress. (paragraph E)  
(S) simile

5. They'll keep dancing for as long as the forest offers them a state. (paragraph M)  
(P) Personification

1. A simile in paragraph C

In fact, most of the ocean is as black as the night sky.

2. A metaphor in paragraph E

...some even have a dimmer switch.

3. A simile in paragraph G

... it would be like trying to swim through syrup.

4. A simile in the sidebar "Stars of the Sea" (second paragraph)

Fish dart through the water, looking like meteors.

5. A metaphor in the sidebar "Stars of the Sea" (second paragraph)

... a power impression that water is part of the sky

### Completion

Over the years, the male Carola's parotia bird of paradise has developed a special mating ritual that involves a lot of bowing and flapping. On its head, the bird has several long and prominent quills, which it bounces up and down in hopes of attracting a female. "Its mating dance is so absurd," says researcher Jennifer Holland, "that I could hardly keep from laughing."

### Definitions

1. breed: (for animals) to mate and have babies
2. commence: to begin
3. undergo: to experience something necessary or unpleasant
4. harsh: cruel or severe
5. noble: having fine personal qualities or appearance
6. evolution: the way in which living things change and develop over time

### Word Forms

1. ... during periods of political stability.
2. ... not a reliable energy source
3. ... produce a hostile environment
4. ... an increase in personal mobility