



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Cockatiels and Other Parrots

What does a cockatiel parrot look like?
Can cockatiel parrots talk? How smart are parrots?
Read *Cockatiels and Other Parrots* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. The smallest parrots are ...
- 3 inches long
 - 7 inches long
 - 9 inches long
 - 15 inches long

2. Cockatiels should eat ...
- Potato chips
 - French fries
 - Seeds
 - Cake

3. Cockatiel chicks hatch in ...
- 15 to 17 days
 - 18 to 21 days
 - 22 to 25 days
 - 26 to 30 days

4. A bird with a slight infection may have ...
- A loss of feathers
 - An increase in feathers
 - A loss of color
 - A moist bill

5. What type of parrot is this?



6. What type of parrots are these?



TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ 1. Cockatiels are native to Europe.
- _____ 2. Cockatiels groom themselves.
- _____ 3. Parakeets are the most popular parrot pet.
- _____ 4. Macaws are the largest kind of parrot.

- _____ 5. Large parrots have the intelligence of a 7- to 9-year-old child.
- _____ 6. Cockatiels should be taken to the veterinarian twice a year.

ANSWERS

- 1. a. 3 inches long.** According to section "What Is a Parrot?" on page 6, we know that "The smallest parrots are just about 3 inches (8 centimeters) long." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. Seeds.** According to section "What Does a Cockatiel Eat?" on page 16, we know that "Cockatiels love seeds ... Avoid giving your cockatiel potato chips, french fries, and other salty, fatty fried foods." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. 18 to 21 days.** According to section "How Do Cockatiels Care for Their Young?" on page 28, we know that "In 18 to 21 days, the chicks (young birds) hatch from these eggs." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. d. A moist bill.** According to section "What Are Some Common Signs of Illness in Parrots?" on page 56, we know that "A bird with a slight infection may have a moist bill." So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 33, this photo shows a cockatoo.
- 6.** According to page 37, this photo shows a pair of lovebirds.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to section "Where Do Cockatiels Live in the Wild?" on page 10, we know that "Cockatiels are native to Australia." So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to section "How Does a Cockatiel Groom Itself?" on page 20, we know that "Like other birds, a cockatiel grooms its feathers every day." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. True.** According to section "Which Is the Most Popular Parrot Pet?" on page 34, we know that "Budgies (budgerigars), which are one of the types of birds that are called parakeets, are by far the most popular parrot pet." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "Which Kind of Parrot Is the Largest?" on page 40, we know that "The largest parrots are macaws." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "How Smart Are Parrots?" on page 48, we know that "Parrot experts describe the intelligence of a large parrot as being about the same as that of a 3- to 5-year-old child." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to section "What Routine Veterinary Care Is Needed?" on page 58, we know that "Most experts advise cockatiel owners to take their bird to a veterinarian once a year for a checkup." So, the correct answer is False.