

## Peafowl

Website: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/peafowl>

Are you as proud as a peacock? This phrase comes from the fact that peacocks, or male peafowl, have a huge set of feathers, or a train, that spread out around their bodies. These feathers are used to attract mates. Interestingly, the peafowls scientific name is *Pavo cristatus*. “Pavo” means turkey in Spanish. Peacocks are more closely related to pheasants than to turkeys.

Now visit the website. Look at the “Fun Facts” on the right side of the webpage:

- 1) How long do peafowl live?
  - a. Five to ten years
  - b. Ten to twelve years
  - c. Fifteen to twenty years
  - d. Over twenty years
  
- 2) About how many eggs will the peahen lay?
  - a. None. They have live babies, not eggs
  - b. One or two
  - c. Three to eight
  - d. Ten to fifteen
  
- 3) A peacock’s tail feathers are called a “train”. How long are peacock trains?
  - a. Trains have nothing to do with peacocks
  - b. 55 to 63 inches
  - c. 80 inches
  - d. 80 to 100 inches
  
- 4) What is the name for a group of peafowl? (Circle many)
  - a. Troop
  - b. Flock
  - c. Pride
  - d. Ostentation

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Go to this section:  ABOUT

- 5) Read the first paragraph that starts with “Peacocks and peahens...” When together, what are peacocks and peahens called?
  - a. Peafowl
  - b. Troop
  - c. Tribe
  - d. Peacocks
  
- 6) Keep reading the first paragraph. What kind of peacock is the most commonly seen on in the world?
  - a. Indian peacock
  - b. Indian peafowl
  - c. Blue peafowl
  - d. Green Peafowl

- 7) Read the second paragraph in this section. It begins with “The peacock has some of the...” Why does the peacock have such a bright and large train?
- What do trains have to do with peacocks?
  - To attract a mate
  - To defend against predators
  - To hide in the jungle

Go to this section: HABITAT AND DIET

- 8) Look at the first paragraph. In what countries does the Indian peacock live? (**circle more than one**).
- Alaska
  - India
  - Pakistan
  - Sri Lanka
  - Southeast Asia
- 9) Look at paragraph three. Peacocks forage for food. What do peacocks eat? (**Circle many**)
- Grains
  - Insects
  - Reptiles
  - Berries
  - Seeds

Go to this section: FAMILY LIFE

- 10) Read the first paragraph, “Normally, when a peacock...” True or false. Peacocks drag their trains on the ground.
- True
  - False
  - Peacocks aren’t strong enough to move a train.
- 11) Read the second paragraph. What makes people think that peacocks are “proud”?
- They strut around and show off
  - They’re big animals
  - They can fly really high
- 12) How old do peacocks need to be before they get their full feathers and coloring?
- One year old
  - Two years old
  - Three years old
  - Four years old

Go to this section: CONSERVATION

- 13) Which of the peafowl is in most danger?
- Indian peafowl
  - Green peafowl
  - Blue peafowl

Color in these peafowl. Pick your favorite one. Give it a name, an age, and a favorite snack.



Your animal's name \_\_\_\_\_

Your animal's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Is your favorite peafowl a boy or a girl? \_\_\_\_\_

Your animal's favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_



## Answer Key

- 1 C
- 2 C
- 3 C
- 4 C, D
- 5 A
- 6 A
- 7 B
- 8 B, C, D
- 9 All of them
- 10 B
- 11 A
- 12 B
- 13 B

## Glossary

<b>Forage</b> ( <i>Four-edge</i> )	To search for and find food
<b>Pheasant</b> ( <i>Fez-int</i> )	A bird closely related to the peacock. It is native to Asia and Europe.
<b>Ostentation</b> ( <i>Ah-sten-tay-shus</i> )	A group of peafowl. Ostentatious is an adjective that means “showy” or “show off”.
<b>Train</b> ( <i>Trane</i> )	Name for the long, feathers of the peacock