Peafowl

A pheasant is a long-tailed game bird. The peafowl is a type of pheasant. The correct name for a female is peahen, and the male is called a peacock. Peafowl is the term for a whole group. Depending on the species, peafowl can grow to anywhere between 27 and 51 inches long.

There are three different types of peafowl: Indian (Blue), Green, and Congo. The Indian peafowl live in India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, while the green peafowl live in Southeast Asia. The Congo peafowl are found in Central Africa.

The peacock from India has bright and colorful feathers. It uses its feathers to attract a mate. The female bird has brown feathers, so it can blend in with the bushes. The female will lay her eggs in the bushes.

The diet of the peafowl includes grain, insects, small reptiles and mammals, berries, leaves, seeds, parts of flowers, and figs.

Use the information from the article to answer the following questions. Use complete sentences when needed.

I. Write down three things you learned about the peafowl:

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2. Circle the statement that is true.

A. Peahen is the correct name for the female peafowl.

- B. Peafowl are found in Antarctica.
- C. Peafowl can grow to 60 inches long.

3. The diet of the peafowl includes a lot of different things. Which of the following is something the peafowl would not eat?

A. Grain

B. Fruit

C. Humans

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