

# Reading

In this section, you will learn how to:

- read a descriptive text;
- read a short functional text in the form of sign.

After learning the lesson in this section, you are expected to be able to:

- read and understand a descriptive text correctly;
- read and understand a short functional text in the form of sign.

## Practice 1

Before you read the text, answer the following questions.



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Check these web sites to get information about animal, plant, or natural life:

[www.wwf.or.id](http://www.wwf.or.id)  
[www.panda.org](http://www.panda.org)

1. What is in the picture?
2. Is it a tropical bird?
3. What is the shape of its beak?
4. Can this kind of bird be trained to imitate human speech?
5. What is special about this bird?

## Practice 2

Read the following dialogue.

Restu and Roni are in a zoo, looking at some birds in the cages.

Roni : What's so special about birds? Tell me about them.

Restu : Of course, most birds can y.

Roni : Do you know birds that can't y?

Restu : Hmm, ostriches, emus, and the bird from Papua ... what's its name?

Roni : Oh, cassowary, right?

Restu : Yeah, that's right. Why are you asking? Do you like birds too?

Roni : Sure, birds are beautiful. I like peacocks very much.

Restu : Peacocks? With their fanlike tails, right? I like them too.

## Practice 3

Read the text carefully.

introduction

description

New

Horizon

### Cockatoos



Cockatoos are extremely affectionate, their feathers are very soft. They are real intelligent and very inquisitive birds! Cockatoos love to show off and make comical displays with outspread wings, head bobbing, dancing and loud calls. They are very active and curious about their environment.

The term "cockatoo" is a Malaysian word thought to have possibly two meanings, "pincher" or "old father".

Source: [www.infofor um.org](http://www.infofor um.org)

### The Sea Eagle

There is an eagle nesting on the tree top near my grandparent's house in Pangandaran. It was a sea eagle.

The color of its feathers is light brown. It has a strong and sharp yellowish beak. Its claws are very sharp. It hunts for fish in the sea but sometimes it hunts chickens and small birds.



Source: CD Image

Eagles have many sizes, shapes, and colors, but the sea eagle is easy to recognise because it has a strong a streamlined, sharp beak and a stream-line body.

Its forelimbs (or arms) serve as wings. This means that they are of little use for anything except wing. It walks on two legs and has a very exible neck and strong beak to handle foods, to care for its feathers, and for many other jobs that non- wing animals do with paws, claws, or hands on their forelimbs.

### Note

#### Characteristics of Descriptive Text

- A *descriptive text* is a text that describes the features of someone, something, or a certain place.
- *Introduction* is the part of the paragraph that introduces the character.  
Example: Paragraph 1 in Sea Eagle text.
- *Description* is the part of the paragraph that describes the character.

Example: The color of its feathers is light brown. It has a strong and sharp yellowish beak.