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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to tell readers how dangerous birds are
 - Ⓑ to give readers information about unusual birds
 - Ⓒ to prevent readers from taking pictures of birds
 - Ⓓ to help people to know what to feed birds
2. How is a bearded barbet like other woodpeckers?
 - Ⓐ It feeds on small animals.
 - Ⓑ It has a long, sharp beak.
 - Ⓒ It makes holes in dead trees.
 - Ⓓ It looks like it has teeth on its beak.
3. How does a crossbill's beak help it?
 - Ⓐ It looks dangerous.
 - Ⓑ It helps a crossbill to attack small animals.
 - Ⓒ It helps a crossbill to sing beautiful songs.
 - Ⓓ It helps a crossbill to pull seeds out of pinecones.
4. What does **extinct** mean?
 - Ⓐ to be rare
 - Ⓑ to no longer be alive
 - Ⓒ to be strong
 - Ⓓ to fly fast
5. How were the male and female Huia different?
 - Ⓐ The female had brighter colors.
 - Ⓑ The male's beak was thicker.
 - Ⓒ They ate different food.
 - Ⓓ They had different size wings.
6. The sword-billed hummingbird is most likely named for _____.
 - Ⓐ its long bill
 - Ⓑ its wide, sharp bill
 - Ⓒ the way it drinks nectar from flowers
 - Ⓓ its very heavy bill

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7. How are a brown pelican, shoebill stork, and spoonbill all alike?
 - Ⓐ They have a pouch under their beaks.
 - Ⓑ They can dive deep into water to catch fish.
 - Ⓒ They usually live near water.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Why would people who were fishing be concerned if they saw a brown pelican flying nearby?
 - Ⓐ It might try to attack them.
 - Ⓑ It could steal the fish they catch.
 - Ⓒ It might scare away the fish.
 - Ⓓ It could try to build a nest on the boat.
9. Why is a toucan easy to identify?
 - Ⓐ It lives in unusual nests.
 - Ⓑ It has bright orange and blue feathers.
 - Ⓒ It sits on crocodiles.
 - Ⓓ It has a very large and colorful beak.
10. When something is **scarce** it is _____.
 - Ⓐ not found often
 - Ⓑ hidden
 - Ⓒ easy to catch
 - Ⓓ odd looking
11. **Extended Response:** Why are beaks so important to birds?
12. **Extended Response:** Choose two birds from the story. Tell two ways they are alike and two ways they are different.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Weird Bird Beaks

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the idea that most birds use their beaks to catch food.
12. Answers will vary but need to include details from the story.