

Give Two Examples

We think of gulls as the annoying birds who steal our chips and ice-cream or make a mess of coastal buildings and pavements. However, there is much more to them than that.

Thriving seabirds

Gulls are seabirds, many of which live inland during the colder months. Gulls have adapted to thrive on land and sea. Their long, powerful wings enable them to fly incredibly well and their sturdy legs give them excellent mobility on the ground. They are also remarkably good at floating too, which means they can roost on water if necessary.

Intelligent birds

Gulls are intelligent birds, capable of learning new tricks and passing them on to others, such as tricking worms to come to the surface by stamping their feet on the ground to imitate rain. They have also learnt to drop hard-shelled molluscs onto the rocks below so they break open to reveal the tasty treat inside.

Excellent Parents

Gulls also make excellent parents. A male and female will stay together for life. They share the responsibility of incubating the eggs and feeding and protecting the chicks.

Many consider gulls as being annoying birds. Why is this?

Give TWO examples.

1. _____
2. _____

Gulls thrive on land and sea. How are they adapted to do this?

Give TWO examples.

1. _____
2. _____

Gulls are capable of learning lots of new tricks.

Give TWO examples.

1. _____
2. _____

In what way do gulls make excellent parents?

Give TWO examples.

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