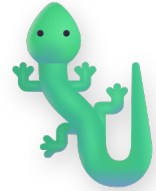




Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions using clues from the text.

The Chameleon's Secret: Blending In



Kiko the chameleon clung tightly to a bright green leaf, his skin a vibrant emerald. His eyes, like tiny turrets, swiveled independently, scanning the dense jungle canopy. A gentle breeze rustled the leaves, and Kiko remained perfectly still, almost invisible against his leafy perch.



Suddenly, a large, striped bird with sharp talons swooped low, its shadow briefly darkening Kiko's spot. Kiko's skin began to ripple with new colors. Patches of brown and yellow spread across his body, mixing with the green. Within seconds, the emerald had faded, replaced by mottled patterns that perfectly matched the bark of the tree trunk nearby. He slowly shifted, pressing himself against the rough surface.

Later, a juicy beetle crawled onto a branch just a few inches away. Kiko's body, still a mix of browns and greens, barely seemed to exist. His eyes locked onto the unsuspecting insect. With a lightning-fast flick, his long, sticky tongue shot out, snatching the beetle before it could even twitch. Kiko then slowly moved back to a sun-dappled cluster of leaves, his skin gradually returning to a brighter, more uniform green.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Based on the passage, what can you conclude about Kiko's skin color changes?

- A Kiko changes color to show off to other chameleons.
- B Kiko changes color to match his surroundings.



- C Kiko changes color when he feels hungry.
- D Kiko changes color only when he is moving.

(2) What does the passage suggest about why Kiko changed his color when the striped bird swooped?

- A He wanted to warn the bird to stay away.
- B He was trying to become less noticeable to the bird.
- C He was signaling to other chameleons about the danger.
- D He was preparing to fight the bird.

(3) The author mentions Kiko's eyes swiveling independently most likely to show that...

- A Kiko can see in two different directions at once.
- B Kiko has trouble focusing on one thing.
- C Kiko is always looking for other chameleons.
- D Kiko's eyes are very large and unusual.

(4) Which statement is NOT well-supported by evidence from the passage?

- A Kiko's skin color helps him stay safe from danger.
- B Kiko's skin color helps him catch his food.
- C Kiko makes loud noises to scare away predators.
- D Kiko can change his color quite quickly.

(5) What clues in the passage helped you infer that Kiko's color changes are important for his survival? Use at least two details from the passage to explain your reasoning.



