



THE BEST MEMORY

Who's got the best memory, humans or animals? It's an interesting question.

A group of scientists tested the photographic memory of young chimpanzees. The scientists showed chimpanzees and humans a computer screen with numbers on it. When the numbers disappeared, the chimpanzees could remember the position of the numbers. In fact they did it better than humans. Experiments show that birds called the Clark's nutcracker have got fantastic memories too. Every year the birds hide thousand of seeds over an area of about twenty square kilometres. Six months later they can find nearly all of the seeds from memory. Humans can't do that!

However, humans can do something that animals can't do. We can decide which form of memorization is best for a situation. For example, when we need to memorize something, we can try to imagine a picture of it or say the words to ourselves again and again. We can write lists or train our brain not to forget important dates. Animals can't do that!

Read the text and say if these sentences are true false or not mentioned.

1. Scientist met to test on memory. T / F / NM
2. The chimpanzees looked at humans on a screen. T / F / NM
3. The chimpanzees remembered who wrote the numbers. T / F / NM
4. Clark's Nutcrackers are seeds. T / F / NM
5. Humans can remember what they did some time later. T / F / NM
6. Humans are better than all kind of animals. T / F / NM
7. Humans and animals can remember in the same way. T / F / NM
8. Humans can't remember dates . T / F / NM

Complete the sentences

1. tested chimpanzees and humans.
2. The did better in the tests.
3. Clark's nutcrackers their seeds.
4. Later the birds nearly all of the seeds.
5. We write lists so we don't things.

Answer the following questions

1. What did the scientists test in the chimpanzees?
2. What could the chimpanzees remember?
3. How many seeds do the birds hide every year?
4. What can humans do that animals can't?
5. Who do you think has got the best memory?