

Answers

1. Why do canaries have that name?
Canaries have that name because they originally came from the Canary Islands.
2. How did they get to the UK?
Canaries got to Britain when Spanish sailors brought them over on their ships in the 1600s.
3. Explain the purpose of putting sand sheets in the bottom of the cages.
Sand sheets should be put on the bottom of their cages because they help their digestion.
4. Why do you think the bars of the aviary must be no wider than 12mm?
I think the bars on the aviary should be no wider than 12mm because otherwise the canaries might fit through and escape.
5. Why might canaries need small pieces of fruit and vegetables?
Canaries might need small pieces of fruit and vegetables because they need extra nutrition they don't get in their bird food.
6. What do canaries gain from having cuttlefish?
Canaries get calcium from having cuttlefish.
7. What does it mean in the text when it says canaries "enjoy company with their own kind"?
Canaries "enjoy company with their own kind" means that canaries like living with other canaries.
8. Explain why canaries need toys.
Canaries need toys because they are playful, and toys help them stay healthy and entertained/ not get bored.
9. Your canary has just bitten you. How might it be feeling?
If my canary has bitten me, it could be feeling threatened or stressed.
10. Imagine your canary has stopped singing. What other signs might you look for, to decide whether it is ill?
Other signs I would look for would be if it is sitting hunched up with its feathers fluffed out. If it is, it will probably be ill.