

## Reading Comprehension Worksheet

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Read the passage. Then answer each question.

### THE FISHHAWK.

The fishhawk, or osprey, is not as large as the eagle, but he has a hooked bill and sharp claws like the eagle.

His is a dark brown in color with black and white spots, and he is from twenty to twenty-two inches long. His breast is mostly white. His tail and wings are long.

The fishhawk is often found sitting upon a tree over a pond, lake, or river. He is also found by the seaside.

He watches the fish as they swim in the water beneath him, and then he darts down suddenly and catches one of them.

When he catches a fish in his sharp, rough claws, he carries it off to eat, and, as he flies away with it for his dinner, an eagle sometimes meets him.

The eagle flies at him fiercely with his sharp bill and claws and compels the hawk to drop the fish.

Then the eagle catches the fish as it falls and carries it off.

The poor fish hawk, with a loud cry, timidly flies away. He must go again to the water and catch another fish for his dinner.

So you see that the eagle is a robber. He robs fishhawks, whose only mode of getting a living is by catching fish.

Questions:

1. Where do fishhawks live?
2. Why does the fishhawk let the eagle take its fish?
3. How are fishhawks and eagles alike?
4. Why do you think fishhawks live where they do?