

## Morning Starters: Autumn 1 - Animal Athletes

### Word Challenge

The antonym (opposite) of the word 'fastest' is 'slowest'.

**Record the antonyms of the underlined words in the 'Did you know?' paragraph.**

### Grammar Challenge

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**Copy and complete the following sentence.**

The falcon dived from a great height; \_\_\_\_\_.

**Help:** Notice the semi-colon. This means that the sentence must have two main clauses. The second main clause must be closely linked to the first.

### Did You Know?

The remarkable peregrine falcon is the fastest animal on the planet. When stooping (diving with its wings folded in) to catch another bird in the air, the peregrine can reach a top speed of 321 kilometres per hour. These raptors can be found in various parts of the UK, particularly in urban areas, coastal cliffs and mountainous regions. They are often seen nesting on tall buildings in cities like London, Manchester and Birmingham, where they can find prey such as pigeons.



Credit: BBC Two - Super Fast Falcon

### Number Challenge

**Complete the following number sentences, using super speedy mental strategies:**

1)  $5,600 \div 80 = ?$

2)  $2,998 + 378 = ?$

3)  $12 \times 24 = ?$

4)  $0.06 \times 1,000 = ?$

5)  $3,045 - 198 = ?$

### Critical Thinking

**If you could make anything move faster or slower, what would you choose and why?**