

Strange behavior

Task: You are going to hear a writer called Peter Watkins being interviewed by the presenter, Sue Manchester. He is talking about his book, which discusses the behavior of animals and birds in relation to the weather. Decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F). If they are false, give the correct answer.

- a Sue has little faith in the accuracy of sayings about the weather.
- b Peter says that nowadays people are less interested in sayings than in previous times.
- c Peter says that low-flying birds suffer badly in storms.
- d Peter believes that there is a logical explanation for why certain birds change their habits.
- e According to Peter, insects have difficulty in sensing changes in the atmosphere.
- f Sue concludes that the rain goose's behaviour is surprising.
- g Peter says that weather sayings used to be confined to the farming community.
- h Peter says that the sayings fulfilled a basic human need for control.
- i Sue agrees with Peter about the contradictory nature of some of the sayings.
- j Peter says that in the past people relied on animal and bird behaviour to predict the weather.