

A: Did you hear the news? Polly was captured yesterday.

B: Oh, no! They got another one of us?

C: I don't understand. The flamingos have a lot more meat on them than we do.

D: I don't think they want to eat us. I've heard they like the colorful feathers.

E: They'd need an awful lot of feathers to get off the ground.

F: I heard a rumor that they kidnap parrots so they can teach them how to talk like a human.

A: Humans talk? I thought that the annoying sound they made was just to frighten off leopards.

B: Apparently all that gibberish means something to them.

C: Huh. So why do they want to talk to parrots?

D: They clearly think we could teach them something.

E: Maybe they want to learn how to fly.

F: or how to crack open nuts. They're really bad at that. Have you seen them try?

A: That's it! They want to take us to their houses so we can crack open nuts for them.

B: But once we explain how to crack nuts, couldn't they just crack them on their own?

C: It's not just parrots, you know. They keep other animals in their houses.

D: Like dogs and cats. Not big cats, little tiny ones that don't know how to hunt.

E: I heard of some humans who captured a monkey and kept it in their house.

F: What a mess! Dogs, cats, parrots, and now a monkey? Why live in a house at all? Just live under a tree.

A: I wouldn't mind living in a house. I really get tired of all the rain here in the Rain Forest.

B: And I hear that they feed their house animals. You don't have to look for nuts or berries.

C: Those houses are really small. I don't think you could fly inside a house.

D: No wonder the pet parrots learn to speak human gibberish! They've gone crazy from boredom.

E: Cats, dogs, monkeys, humans, parrots- all in the same house?

F: That's right. They call them "zoos".

A: You think they took Polly to go live in a zoo?

B: If Polly manages to learn to speak human gibberish, maybe she'll tell them she doesn't want to live in a house.

C: After she teaches them to crack nuts, maybe they'll let her go.

D: Unless they also want her feathers.

E: She might have trouble flying home without feathers.

F: Keep your eyes open for a bald parrot walking through the forest.