

THE HOMING PIGEON

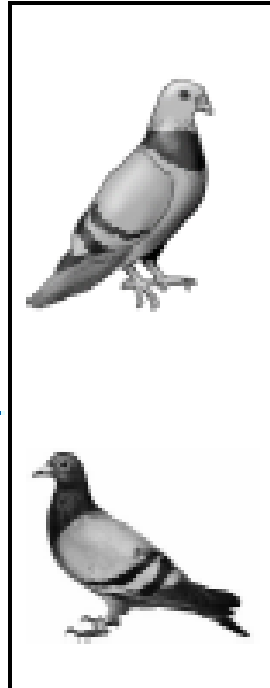
Here is a page of information about pigeons. There are lots of things that could be said about pigeons. What is the main thing this page is about?

The Homing or Carrier Pigeon

Long before the telephone, the text message or the postman, pigeons were used to carry messages.

Being able to find their way home over long distances is what makes them special. In competitions, they have been known to fly up to 1000 miles.

They have what is called a *homing instinct* that makes them very reliable. With a small tube attached to its leg, the homing or carrier pigeon has been very helpful in carrying messages in times of battle.



What is the main idea in this text? Tick the correct box:

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