**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Chatty Patty**

**Voor de docent**

Wetenschappers hebben papegaaien getraind om te videobellen. Dat is niet alleen goed voor de wetenschap.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details. (LEB2-3b)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*Scientists have taught parrots to chat online!*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 7 or more words related to communication.

**Chatty Patty**

Parrots are intelligent birds. They love to communicate.

Read about [new ways for parrots to chat](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/68942683).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*to tell apart – pre-recorded – to indicate – to catch up – preferred – over the course – flocks – to interact – a negative impact – potential – agency*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a the ability to act and do things your way

b a bad effect

c best liked; favourite

d during

e to exchange the latest news and gossip

f to express or make clear

g filmed or taped earlier

h groups of birds

i possibility

j to see what the differences are between things

k to talk or do things with others

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 Experts have created Facebook profiles for parrots and trained them post updates.

2 Parrots cannot get enough of chatting with other birds through the internet.

3 People who keep parrots should give their pet tablets and a bell.

4 Scientists believe parrots can tell the difference between live and pre-recorded videos.

b Why can video calling be good for pet parrots?

1 It will become more and more important for animals to have internet skills.

2 The connection with other parrots can help them feel more relaxed.

3 The scientists can use the calls to collect important research data.

4 Video calling actually has a very negative impact on all animals.

c Read the last sentence. Choose the option that has the same meaning.

1 It is a big deal that animals can connect with each other through the internet.

2 Many possibilities on the internet are used to let animals interact with each other.

3 Thanks to the internet animals can possibly connect with each other in new ways.

4 With the internet it becomes possible for animals communicate in new ways.