

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 3-5

Camel Bird



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A Write the correct word for each definition.

chick puzzled electric blue eggshell modern equator warning



1. A(n) _____ is the hard outer part of an egg.
2. _____ is a very bright color, like the color of a gas flame.
3. To give a(n) _____ means to tell someone about possible danger.
4. _____ means relating to the present time, not the past.
5. A(n) _____ is a baby bird.
6. The _____ is an imaginary line that goes around the middle of the Earth.
7. If you are _____, you are confused.

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

fascinating plumage disturb tricky

1. The animals at the Fabularium are _____.
interesting
2. The noise the children made _____ the baby birds.
bothered
3. Riding an ostrich can be quite _____.
difficult
4. Different kinds of birds have different-colored _____.
feathers

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

up out to over by for

1. Mrinal used to look _____ the window at the ostriches.
2. So Reem wouldn't want to go to the Amazon _____ herself.
3. It's interesting how animals change _____ time.
4. The mother ostrich rose _____ on her long legs.
5. Cheetahs can only run really fast _____ a few seconds.
6. They got up close _____ the ostriches to get a better look.

D Match the phrases to the correct definitions. Then fill in the blanks.

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| 1. Ostriches are very heavy.
No wonder they can't fly! | • | • a. I'm not to blame. |
| 2. It wasn't my fault!
It was my mom! | • | • b. It's not surprising that ... |
| 3. Didn't you research it before
you made up your mind ? | • | • c. do things that could be dangerous |
| 4. You need to take risks . | • | • d. decided |
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5. Have you _____ about what instrument you want to learn?
 6. Always wear a helmet when you ride your bike. Don't _____ with your safety.
 7. _____ your stomach hurts. You ate an entire pizza!
 8. I missed the bus, but _____. It left five minutes early!

A Choose the best answers. (pp. 2-7)

1. Which is true about ostriches?
 - a. They are the tallest birds in the world.
 - b. They can run fast for a short time.
 - c. Their chicks are as tall as a person.
 - d. They don't have long legs.
2. How does Mrinal know about ostriches?
 - a. He saw them in India.
 - b. He did a project on them.
 - c. Both a and b
3. Why doesn't So Reem want to go to Australia?
 - a. It's too far away.
 - b. It has strange animals.
 - c. Both a and b
4. Where does Mrinal prefer to see animals?
He prefers to see them _____.
5. Where can you find big, electric blue butterflies?
You can find them _____.

B Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 4-11)

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| 1. So Reem saw ostriches in Australia. | T / F |
| 2. So Reem would go to the Amazon if there was a school. | T / F |
| 3. Hunter didn't do enough research before he decided not to go to Australia. | T / F |
| 4. It's easy to break an ostrich eggshell. | T / F |
| 5. An adult ostrich weighs more than a person. | T / F |
| 6. Ostriches are good fliers. | T / F |

C Read each statement and write “fact” or “opinion” on the line.

A **fact** is something that can be proven to be true or false.
An **opinion** is someone’s feeling or belief.

1. Ostriches can run fast for hours. _____
2. There are wild ostriches in South Africa. _____
3. Australia sounds as great as South Africa. _____
4. Ostriches are what some of the dinosaurs became. _____
5. People should take more risks. _____
6. Male ostriches have smaller wings than female ostriches. _____
7. It’s fascinating to study how animals change over time. _____

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

big tallest heavy South Africa ride butterflies complains

At the Fabularium, the four friends go to see the ostriches. They notice how 1. _____ the birds and their chicks are. Mr. Eddy tells them ostriches are the world’s 2. _____ birds and are fast runners. Mrinal saw wild ones in 3. _____, and Tess saw them in Australia. Hunter 4. _____ that he doesn’t get to see enough amazing stuff. The kids talk about the Amazon and some of its interesting animals, like huge 5. _____. They then discuss why ostriches’ eggshells are so hard, and why they can’t fly: It’s because they’re so 6. _____. Mr. Eddy asks the kids if they want to 7. _____ the ostriches, and away they go.