

Cyclones

Reading Level 12-15



Cyclones are big storms. They start over the ocean, but they can move toward land. Cyclones bring lots of wind and rain.

Cyclones are spinning storms. The center of the storm is called the eye. The weather is calm in the eye.

People can stay safe during a storm. They need to get ready before the storm arrives. They can prepare an emergency kit. People should stay inside when the storm comes.

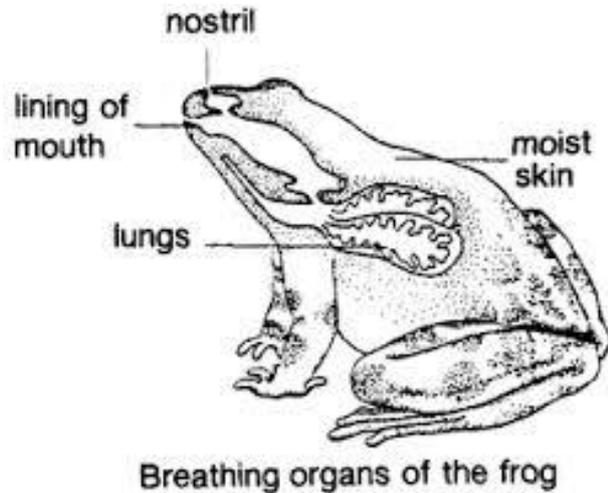
Choose the correct answer:

1. What is a cyclone?
a) a big storm b) a type of house
2. What kind of weather do hurricanes bring?
a) sunny and dry b) windy and rainy
3. Where do cyclones start?
a) over the ocean b) in the mountains
4. Where can cyclones move toward?
a) space b) land



5. Where should you stay during a hurricane?

Frogs



Have you ever seen a frog in a pond? You can often spot one there. Most frogs live near water. They need to keep their skin wet.

A frog's skin is special. It makes a slimy coating that helps the frog stay wet. A frog drinks through its skin. It also breathes through its skin. A frog can do that only when its skin is wet.

Frogs also breathe using lungs. What else do frogs use lungs for?

Frogs make noise. Ribbit!

Choose the correct answer:

1. What do most frogs live near?
a) trees b) water
2. Frogs like to live near water because they need to stay wet. Which part of a frog needs to stay wet?
a) skin b) feet
3. What can a frog do through its skin when it is wet?
a) eat and make noise b) eat and breathe
4. What do frogs use their lungs for?
a) breathe and make noise b) hop and swim
5. What type of coating does the frog's skin make to help the frog stay wet?

Bees



Bees are amazing insects. They work hard to get food. Bees get their food from flowers. This is why bees buzz around flowers.

Bees make honey. First they get food from flowers. Then they make honey. Bees love making honey.

People also take honey from bees. All honey comes from bees.

Honey can be very sweet!

Bees live in big groups. Thousands of bees live in one hive. The hive has one queen bee. The queen is the mother bee.

Bees are always busy. We sure are lucky that they make honey.

But be careful around bees. Bees can sting you with their stinger!

Choose the correct answer:

1. Where do bees get their food?
a) flowers b) shops
2. What do bees make?
a) honey b) milk
3. Where do bees live?
a) nest b) hive
4. How can bees sting you?
a) with their stinger b) with their teeth
5. Where do bees get their food from?

Owls

What bird is this?



It's an owl!

Owls have big eyes. There are different kinds of owls. They can be brown and white, or grey.

Owls look for food at night. They eat small animals. Some owls eat insects. Some owls eat mice. Some owls even eat small birds!

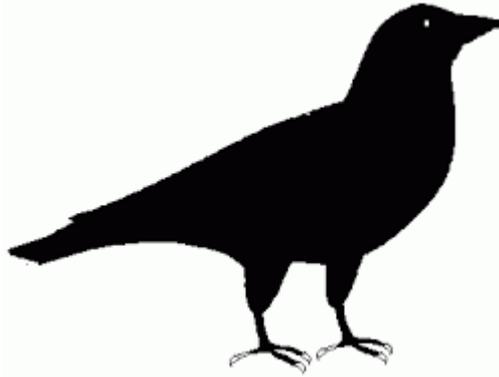
Owls fly quietly. This helps them catch other animals. The animals can't hear the owls coming. Owls use their claws to grab the animals.

Be careful, small animals! There might be owls looking for dinner at night!

Choose the correct answer:

- Owls can be
a) brown and white b) green and red
- Owls hunt for food
a) in the day b) at night
- Owls eat
a) seeds and flowers b) mice, insects and small animals
- Owls grab small animals with
a) their claws b) their beaks
- What kind of eyes do owls have?

A Very Clever Bird



Have you ever seen or heard a crow? Adult crows have black feathers. They look shiny. Crows make a loud cry. This cry is called a caw. Sometimes they caw to let other crows know where they are.

Crows have big brains for their bodies. They are very smart. Crows can remember people's faces. Crows will stay away from people who have tried to catch them. They will even squawk at the people.

Other crows learn to stay away from these people, too.

Crows also like to play. People have seen a crow slide down a roof.

It used a small lid to sit on and slide. Crows are very clever birds!

Crows eat small animals like lizards and frogs. They also eat seeds and berries.

Choose the correct answer:

1. A crow's feathers are
 - a) black and shiny
 - b) black and dull
2. The noise that a crow makes is
 - a) a soft cheeping sound
 - b) a loud 'caw'
3. Crows have
 - a) a small brain for the size of their body
 - b) a big brain for the size of their body
4. Crows eat
 - a) green vegetables
 - b) small animals

Learning about Birds



There are many kinds of birds all over the world. Maybe you've seen a seagull at the beach. Maybe you've seen pigeons in the city.

Birds are amazing animals.

Birds lay eggs. Some eggs are pointy. Some eggs are round. Baby birds grow in the eggs. The babies come out of the eggs when they are big enough.

Birds have feathers. Feathers help birds fly. Feathers also help birds stay warm. Some birds live in very cold places. They fluff their feathers. This helps them stay warm.

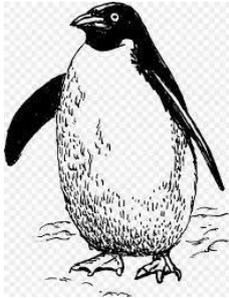
Birds have beaks. Some birds have long beaks. Other birds have short beaks. Birds can use their beaks to help them eat.

Birds have two wings. Most birds use their wings to fly. Up, up, and away they go!

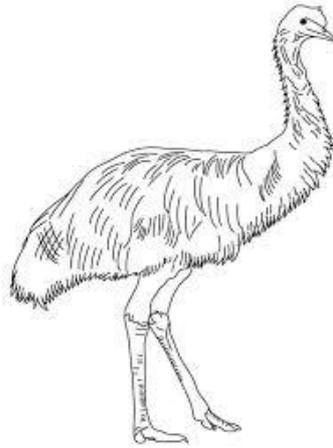
Answer true or false

1. Birds' eggs can be pointy.
2. Feathers help a bird to fly and stay warm.
3. Birds with short beaks cannot eat.
4. Birds have two wings.
5. Some birds do not use their wings for flying.

Birds That Cannot Fly



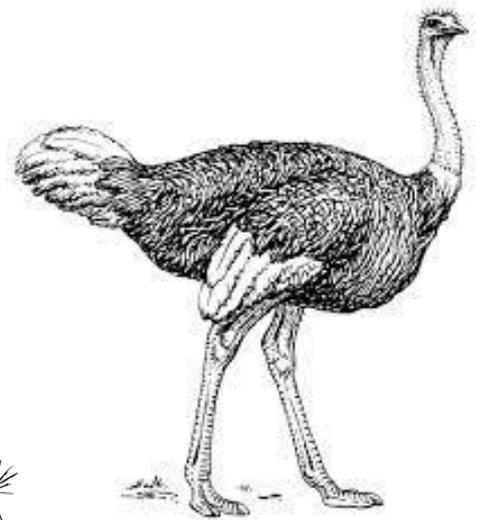
penguin



emu



kiwi



ostrich

Most birds can fly. But some birds can't fly. Here are four kinds of birds that can't fly.

Penguins can't fly. But they can swim. They can also walk. Their walk looks kind of funny. Most penguins live in very cold places.

Emus live in Australia. They are big birds with long legs. They cannot fly but they can run fast.

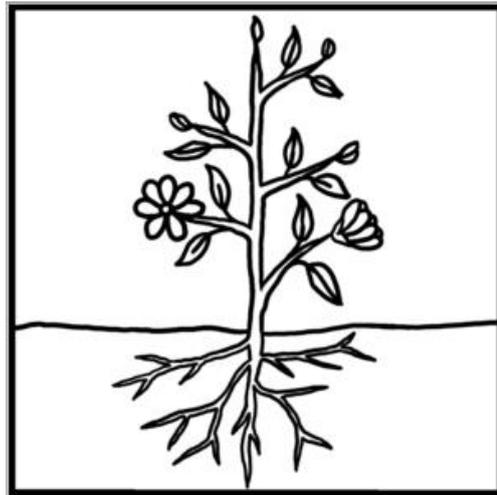
Ostriches are the biggest birds on Earth. They live in dry, hot places, mostly in Africa. Ostriches can't fly. But they can also run very fast. They can even kick really hard.

Kiwis are small birds with long beaks. They cannot fly. They live in New Zealand.

Answer true or false.

1. All birds can fly.
2. Most penguins live in cold places.
3. Emus and Ostriches can run fast.
4. A kiwi has a long beak.

How Plants Work



Every part of a plant has a job to do.

The leaves make food for the plant. Leaves use sunlight to make food.

The stem holds the plant up. Without a strong stem, the plant would fall down.

The roots grow underground. Roots take in water for the plant.

Flowers look pretty, but they have a job too! They make sure new plants will grow. Seeds grow inside the flowers. The seeds will fall to the ground. Many of the seeds will grow into new plants.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Leaves use sunlight to
 - a) make food for the plant
 - b) help the plant to see
2. The stem
 - a) is not very strong
 - b) holds the plant up
3. The roots
 - a) grow under the ground
 - b) Grow on top of the ground
4. Flowers have
 - a) seeds inside
 - b) have honey inside
5. How do new plants start?

Going to the beach



Going to the beach is lots of fun. You can swim in the ocean. You can play in the sand. You can run around or you can lie down.

The beach is made of sand. It feels funny between your toes. You can dig in the sand. You can even build a sandcastle!

The beach has sea shells. You can find shells in the sand. Some are small and grey. Others are big and colorful. It's fun to search for pretty shells.

At the beach, the ocean water moves in waves. The water comes to the beach. Then the water moves away.

Activity

Draw a picture to show all the things you can do when you go to the beach.

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