



THE OSTRICH STORY

Student A Questions

1. Have you ever seen a very big bird? What was it?
2. Do you know what an ostrich is? What does it look like?
3. Where do you think ostriches live?
4. What do you think ostriches eat?
5. What do you know about South Africa?
6. Can people ride ostriches? Why or why not?

Student B Questions

1. What is the biggest bird in the world?
2. What color are ostriches, usually?
3. Do ostriches fly? Why or why not?
4. What do you think ostrich eggs look like?
5. What can people use from an ostrich?
6. Would you like to visit an ostrich farm? Why or why not?

Let's Get Ready to Read!

Here are some important words you will find in "The Ostrich Story."

Vocabulary Words:

- **farm** (noun): a place where people grow plants or raise animals.
- **giant** (adjective): very, very big.
- **feathers** (noun): the soft, light parts that cover a bird's body.
- **meat** (noun): the part of an animal that people eat.
- **ride** (verb): to sit on an animal (like a horse or an ostrich) and control it.
- **desert** (noun): a very dry place with little rain.
- **hatch** (verb): when a baby bird breaks out of its egg.
- **proud** (adjective): feeling happy and good about something you or someone else did.

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words above:

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Teacher's Key

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