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Hello! Let's learn about a very special bird: the ostrich! Ostriches are **giant** birds, and they are the biggest birds in the whole world. They have long legs and a long neck, and they live in hot places like the **deserts** of **South Africa**. Even though they are birds, ostriches cannot fly. Instead, they can run very, very fast!

In South Africa, there are many **ostrich farms**. These farms are very popular. Many people visit them as a **tourist attraction**. Why? Because at these farms, you can learn all about ostriches and even have some fun!

Ostriches are important for many things. Their big **eggs** are the largest in the world, and some are even used for food. The beautiful **feathers** from ostriches are soft and used for decorations or fashion. The strong **meat** from ostriches is healthy and eaten by many people. And the tough **leather** from their skin is used to make bags, shoes, and other things.

But the most exciting part for many visitors is the chance to **ride** an ostrich! Yes, you can sit on an ostrich's back, just like a horse, and go for a short ride. It's a funny and unforgettable experience that many **tourists** love.

So, the ostrich is not just a big bird; it's a very useful and interesting animal that brings joy and products to many people around the world, especially in South Africa.

Comprehension Questions

1. What kind of bird is an ostrich?
2. Where do many ostriches live on farms?
3. Can ostriches fly?
4. Name three things that people use from ostriches.
5. What exciting thing can tourists do on an ostrich farm?
6. Are ostrich eggs big or small?

More Practice: Complete the Sentences!

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences below.

farm	giant	ride	feathers	leather	tourist
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1. The ostrich is a _____ bird, the biggest in the world!
2. Many people visit the ostrich _____ in South Africa.
3. You can sometimes _____ an ostrich for fun on the farm.
4. Ostrich _____ is used to make shoes and bags.
5. The ostrich has beautiful _____ on its body.
6. A _____ is a person who travels to new places for fun.

Teacher's Key

Here are the answers to the comprehension questions for "The Ostrich Story":

1. What kind of bird is an ostrich?
 - **An ostrich is a giant/very large bird.**
2. Where do many ostriches live on farms?
 - **Many ostriches live on farms in South Africa.**
3. Can ostriches fly?
 - **No, ostriches cannot fly.**
4. Name three things that people use from ostriches.
 - **People use their eggs, feathers, meat, and/or leather. (Any three are correct)**
5. What exciting thing can tourists do on an ostrich farm?
 - **Tourists can ride an ostrich.**
6. Are ostrich eggs big or small?
 - **Ostrich eggs are big (the biggest in the world).**

More Practice: Complete the Sentences!

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences below.

1. The ostrich is a **giant** bird, the biggest in the world!
2. Many people visit the ostrich **farm** in South Africa.
3. You can sometimes **ride** an ostrich for fun on the farm.
4. Ostrich **leather** is used to make shoes and bags.
5. The ostrich has beautiful **feathers** on its body.
6. A **tourist** is a person who travels to new places for fun.