



## THE OSTRICH STORY

### Grammar Practice 1: Simple Present Tense

Read about ostriches and the farm. Complete the sentences using the **Simple Present Tense** form of the verb in ( ).

1. Ostriches \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in South Africa.
2. An ostrich \_\_\_\_\_ (run) very fast.
3. Ostriches \_\_\_\_\_ (not fly).
4. People \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) ostrich farms.
5. The farm \_\_\_\_\_ (have) many big ostriches.
6. Tourists often \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) ostriches there.
7. The farm workers \_\_\_\_\_ (collect) the eggs.
8. Ostrich leather \_\_\_\_\_ (make) nice bags.

### Grammar Practice 2: Adjectives for Description

Read each sentence. Choose the best **adjective** from the box to complete each sentence.

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1. The ostrich is a \_\_\_\_\_ bird, the biggest in the world.
2. Ostriches have \_\_\_\_\_ legs and necks.
3. Ostrich eggs are very \_\_\_\_\_ and heavy.
4. The ostrich has \_\_\_\_\_ feathers.
5. Ostrich leather is a very \_\_\_\_\_ material for bags.
6. Riding an ostrich is an \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

### Grammar Practice 3: "To Be" Verb (is / are)

Complete each sentence with **is** or **are**.

1. The ostrich \_\_\_\_\_ the biggest bird.
2. Ostrich farms \_\_\_\_\_ popular in South Africa.
3. The eggs \_\_\_\_\_ very large.
4. Ostrich meat \_\_\_\_\_ healthy.
5. Tourists \_\_\_\_\_ happy to ride ostriches.
6. My favorite part of the story \_\_\_\_\_ the rides.
7. The feathers \_\_\_\_\_ used for decoration.
8. South Africa \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa.

## Teacher's Key

### Grammar Practice 1: Simple Present Tense

Read about ostriches and the farm. Complete the sentences using the **Simple Present Tense** form of the verb in ( ).

1. Ostriches live in South Africa.
2. An ostrich runs very fast.
3. Ostriches do not fly (or don't fly).
4. People visit ostrich farms.
5. The farm has many big ostriches.
6. Tourists often ride ostriches there.
7. The farm workers collect the eggs.
8. Ostrich leather makes nice bags.

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1. The ostrich is a giant bird, the biggest in the world.
2. Ostriches have long legs and necks.
3. Ostrich eggs are very big and heavy.
4. The ostrich has beautiful feathers.
5. Ostrich leather is a very strong material for bags.
6. Riding an ostrich is an exciting experience.

### Grammar Practice 3: "To Be" Verb (is / are)

Complete each sentence with **is** or **are**.

1. The ostrich is the biggest bird.
2. Ostrich farms are popular in South Africa.
3. The eggs are very large.
4. Ostrich meat is healthy.
5. Tourists are happy to ride ostriches.
6. My favorite part of the story is the rides.
7. The feathers are used for decoration.
8. South Africa is in Africa.