

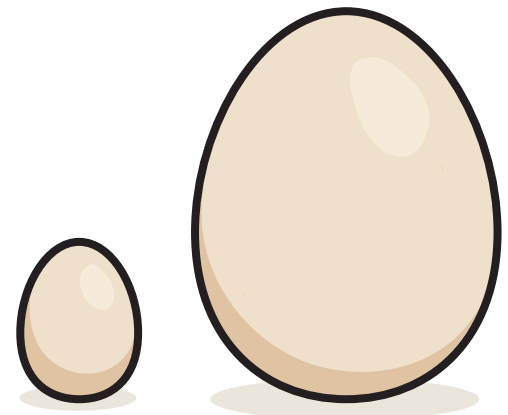
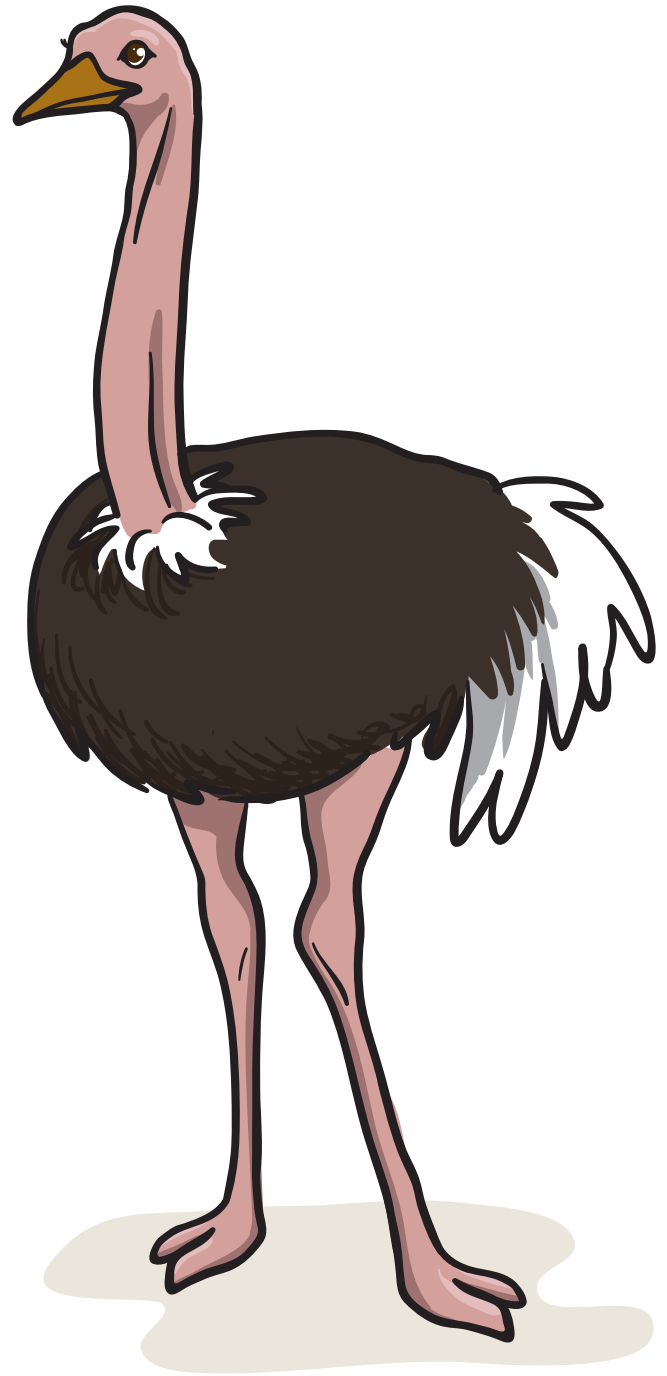
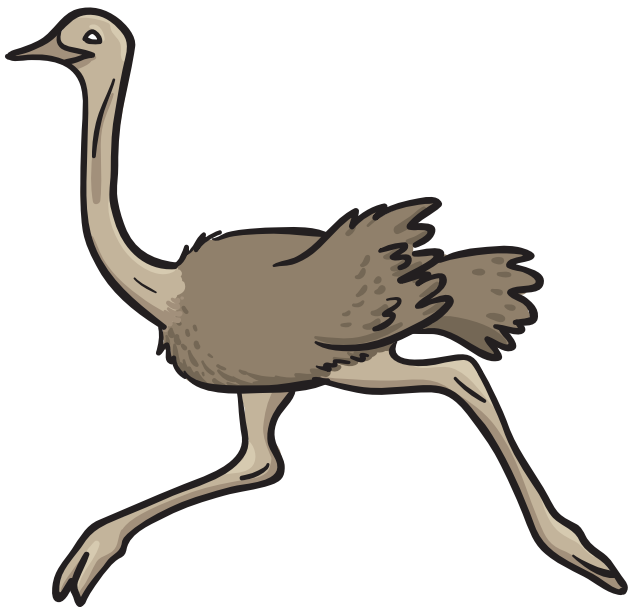
# Ostriches

Birds have feathers and wings and are warm-blooded. Birds lay eggs to have their young. There are many species of birds.

The ostrich is the largest type of bird. It has long, skinny legs and a large body with small wings. The ostrich usually weighs between 200 and 300 pounds. It can grow up to 9 feet tall. The ostrich's eye is the largest of any land animal: nearly two inches in diameter. The ostrich can defend itself by using its four-inch claw and giving a swift kick to the enemy.

The ostrich lives primarily in Africa. Its habitat is the grasslands and desert. The ostrich eats insects, seeds, leaves, roots, and small reptiles. It lives in herds or flocks. Each herd has one big egg nest. The ostrich lays the largest egg of all bird species.

One interesting fact about the ostrich is that it cannot fly like other birds. Its wings are used for balance when running. It can run up to forty miles per hour.



A chicken egg compared to an ostrich egg.

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Use the information from the article to answer the following questions. Use complete sentences when needed.

1. What is the main idea of the article about ostriches?

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2. Name three things ostriches eat:

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3. Where does the ostrich primarily live?

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4. TRUE or FALSE: Of all the birds, the ostrich lays the largest egg. Circle one.

5. Write down three things you learned about ostriches:

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