

Some Birds Don't Fly

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Most birds fly. Some do not. Penguins, ostriches, and kiwis do not fly. Like all birds, they have feathers. They also hatch from eggs.

Penguins live on land and in water. They have short legs. They waddle when they walk. Penguins use their wings to swim. Their wings are like flippers.

Ostriches are the largest birds. They can grow taller than the tallest person on Earth! They are fast runners. They use their wings for balance.

Kiwis have brown feathers. Their beaks are long. They use their beaks to find and eat bugs. Kiwis have tiny wings. Their wings are too small for flying.

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1. What do all birds have in common?

- A. All birds live in nests high in trees.
- B. All birds can fly.
- C. All birds have feathers and hatch from eggs.

2. This text describes three birds that cannot fly. Instead of flying, what do penguins use their wings for?

- A. clapping
- B. swimming
- C. balance

3. Some birds use their wings to fly. Ostriches can't fly. They use their wings for balance. Based on this information, what is true about birds and their wings?

- A. All birds use wings for the same thing.
- B. All birds use their wings for balance.
- C. Different birds use their wings for different things.

4. What is the main idea in "Some Birds Don't Fly"?

- A. All birds have feathers.
- B. Most birds fly, but some do not.
- C. Penguins are great swimmers, but ostriches are fast runners.

5. What does a kiwi use its long beak for?

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6. What did you learn from "Some Birds Don't Fly"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** Not all birds use their wings for flying. What information from the text shows us this is true?

8. Draw a kiwi bird.