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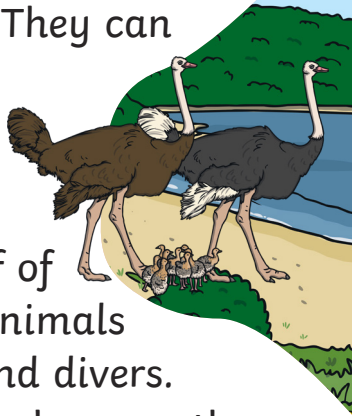
## 24 Some Well-Known Flightless Birds

### 25 Ostriches

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43 largest species of bird as they can grow up to  
50 2.7 metres tall. Ostriches have long, powerful  
61 legs so they can run very fast and they have a  
68 strong kick to defend themselves. They can  
75 run up to 45 miles per hour.

### 76 Penguins

- 82 Most species of penguin live in  
89 coastal areas in the southern half of  
95 the world. Penguins are marine animals  
102 so they are excellent swimmers and divers.  
109 Penguins' wings are called flippers because they  
120 use them to help them to swim instead of to fly.



## Questions



1. Find and copy a word that means the same as 'strong'.

\_\_\_\_\_



2. Fill in the missing word.

Penguins are \_\_\_\_\_ animals so  
they are excellent swimmers and divers.



3. What is the final fact in this text?

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4. How do you think ostriches might benefit from being able to run fast?

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## Answers



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**powerful**



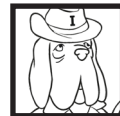
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Penguins are **marine** animals so they are excellent swimmers and divers.



3. What is the final fact in this text?

**The final fact in this text is that penguins' wings are called flippers.**



4. How do you think ostriches might benefit from being able to run fast?

**Pupil's own responses, such as: I think that ostriches may benefit from being able to run fast because this could help them to escape from predators that might try to catch and eat them.**



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