

Ostriches & Emus

The Lord Jesus created many eggs-traordinary birds—like ostriches and emus! Ostriches are native to Africa, while emus are from Australia. Neither can fly, but with their long, strong legs, these avian athletes can run at super fast speeds. They're also some of the heaviest birds on Earth. Even their eggs weigh over a pound—that's at least a dozen chicken eggs! Did you also know . . .

- ✓ Both ostriches and emus have mostly plant-based diets.
- ✓ They're social animals that live in large groups called flocks.
- ✓ Ostriches are the tallest birds in the world, and emus are the second tallest. The average human is shorter than they are!
- ✓ These birds have special feathers that can trap air close to their bodies, helping them to maintain their body temperature in extreme weather. This ability is called thermoregulation.

Did you know?

Ostriches have the biggest eyes of any land animal. A single ostrich eyeball is larger than its brain!

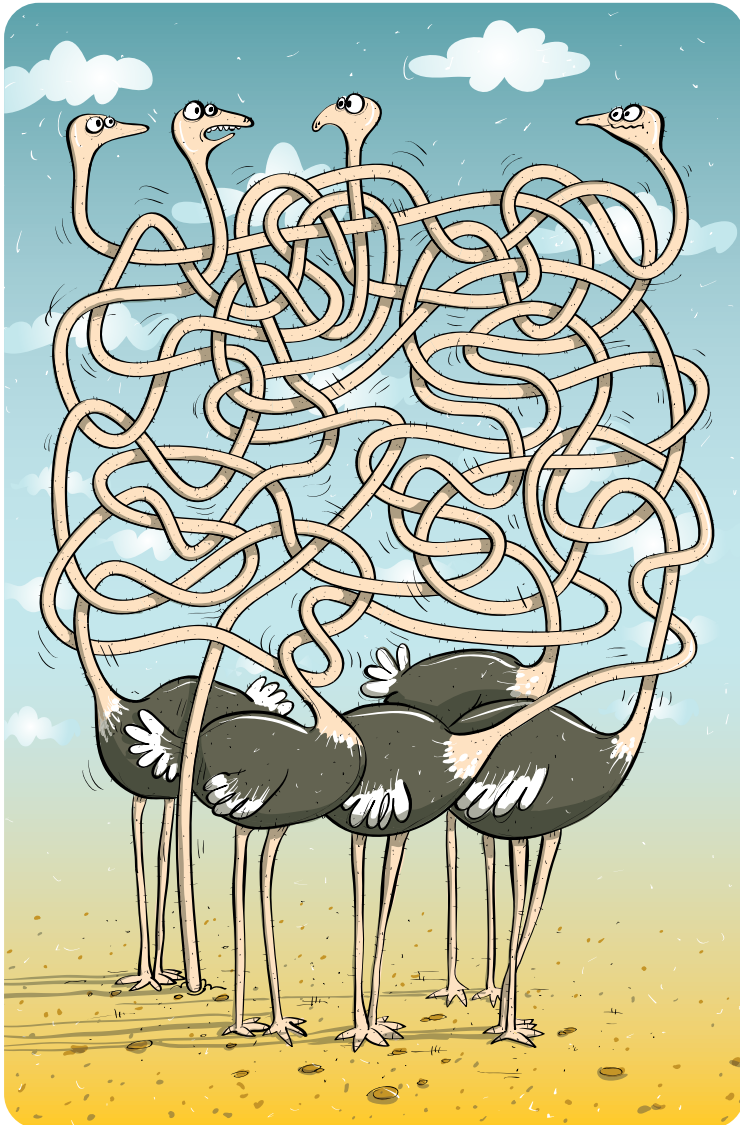


Circle the two identical ostriches.



Ostrich egg (back left) compared to a hen egg (front) and an emu egg (right)

Untangle the ostriches' necks
to match each head to its body.



Did you know?

Since they don't have teeth, ostriches and emus swallow pebbles to help grind up and digest their food.



It's a myth that ostriches bury their heads when they're scared. This probably came from how ostriches build nests—they use their beaks to dig holes in the sand and to check on their eggs.

Silly Story

Finish the story by filling in the blanks below.

If I had an ostrich or emu, I'd call it _____. We'd do all kinds of fun
(name)
things, like _____, _____, and _____
(verb) (verb) (verb)
in _____. I think birds like eating _____,
(country) (plural noun)
so I'd buy lots of _____ from the grocery store.
(plural noun)
Then again, maybe only humans like to eat _____!
(plural noun)