

For Advanced Kids Learners

Book 2

Time to Talk

Lesson 20 Why Flamingos Are Pink



- Warm-up questions



What is the color of this flamingo?

- Read and learn

Why Flamingos Are Pink

Lots of people **wonder why** flamingos are pink. It is an **unusual** color for water birds.

Flamingos are not born pink. Baby flamingos' feathers are grey and white. Actually, they **take** up to three years to reach that bright pink.



unusual
not ordinary or
not common.



take
use an amount of time.

- Read and learn

Flamingos become pink because of the foods they eat. Their foods include small shrimp, tiny sea plants and **algae**. These foods have some **pigments** that can make flamingos' feathers pink.



algae

very simple plants in water with no real roots or leaves.



pigment

anything used to give color.



- **Read and learn**

Other water birds eat these foods too, but why are they still grey or white? The reason is that they also eat many other foods. They eat anything they **come across** while flamingos only eat these foods. They are more “picky”!



come across
to see or meet
something.

If flamingos don't get enough of these foods, their pink color will **fade** and finally turn into grey or white. In fact, the pinker flamingos are more important than other flamingos in the flock.



fade
to lose color.

- Read the meanings and complete the words.

u _ u s _ a l not ordinary or not common

t a _ e to use an amount of time

a _ g _ e very simple plants in water with no real roots or leaves

p _ g m _ _ t anything used to give color

f _ d _ to lose color

c _ m e a _ r o _ s to see or meet something

- Grammar



wonder why

= want to know the reasons

Examples

Lots of people **wonder why** flamingos are pink.


I **wonder why** Jimmy did that.






+ Give example sentences using “wonder why”.






- Read the passage and fill in the blanks.

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They take up to 3 years to reach bright  color.

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