

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.

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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.

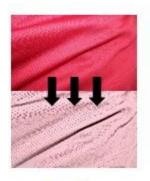
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Other water birds eat these foods too, but why are they still grey or white? The reason is that they also eat many other foods. They eat anything they come across while flamingos only eat these foods. They are more "picky"!

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.



to see or meet something.



fade to lose color.

Read the meanings and complete the words.

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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.

