

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.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not born \_\_\_\_\_\_. Their feathers are \_\_\_\_\_\_ and white.

They take up to 3 years to reach bright \_\_\_\_\_\_ color.

Flamingos become \_\_\_\_\_\_ because of the foods they eat. Their foods include small  
\_\_\_\_\_\_, tiny sea plants and \_\_\_\_\_\_. These foods have some \_\_\_\_\_\_ that  
can make flamingos' \_\_\_\_\_\_ pink.

The pinker \_\_\_\_\_\_ are more important than other \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_.