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Level 1

Scientists find out how flamingos stand on one leg

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists think they know how flamingos stand on one leg. We all love these beautiful birds doing this. Scientists have always wondered how they do this. Researchers say they have found the answer to this secret. A professor says the flamingo's skeleton helps it stand on one leg. Its hips and leg bones give the bird great balance. Flamingos do not have to use their muscles a lot to keep standing on one leg.

Another researcher said the flamingo is unique because it can stand on one leg. This is very difficult for humans, even for one hour. Most of us don't know that we're moving all the time. Even when we stand still, our muscles work so we don't fall over. Flamingos do not need to use many muscles to keep still. They can save energy by standing on one leg. Saving energy could be why other birds also stand on one leg.

Sources: <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/how-flamingo-balances-one-leg>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-40016816>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. We all love these | a. their muscles a lot |
| 2. Scientists have always wondered | b. beautiful birds |
| 3. they have found the answer | c. leg bones |
| 4. the flamingo's skeleton | d. on one leg |
| 5. Its hips and | e. to this secret |
| 6. give the bird great | f. helps it |
| 7. Flamingos do not have to use | g. how they do this |
| 8. keep standing | h. balance |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Another researcher said the flamingo | a. energy |
| 2. This is very difficult | b. still |
| 3. we're moving | c. stand on one leg |
| 4. our muscles work so we don't fall | d. for humans |
| 5. Flamingos do not need to use | e. is unique |
| 6. keep | f. all the time |
| 7. save | g. many muscles |
| 8. other birds also | h. over |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ how flamingos stand on one leg. (2) _____ these beautiful birds doing this. Scientists (3) _____ wondered how they do this. Researchers say they have found (4) _____ this secret. A professor says the flamingo's skeleton helps it stand on one leg. Its (5) _____ bones give the bird great balance. Flamingos do not have to use their muscles a lot to keep (6) _____ leg.

Another researcher said the (7) _____ because it can stand on one leg. (8) _____ difficult for humans, even (9) _____. Most of us don't know that we're (10) _____ time. Even when we stand still, our muscles work so we don't fall over. Flamingos do not need to use many (11) _____ still. They can save energy by standing on one leg. Saving energy could be why other birds (12) _____ one leg.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FLAMINGOS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about flamingos in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

