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**Level 1** – 4th May, 2021

## Researchers find most 'instagrammable' bird

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210504-bird-photos-1.html>

We put photos online of everything we eat, buy and do. There is now a study about what kinds of bird photos we like. Researchers in Germany looked at the bird photos people "liked" on the photo-sharing social networking service Instagram. They looked into the question: "What makes a great bird photo?" They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird. The answer is the frogmouth. This is a nocturnal bird that lives in India, Southeast Asia and Australia.

The researchers looked at 30,000 bird photos from nine popular photography accounts. They used a programme to find which photos got the most "likes". A bird expert said the frogmouth was the most liked because of its large eyes. He said that most birds' eyes are on the sides of their head, but the frogmouth's eyes are in the centre. This makes it look "humanlike". A photographer said any bird or animal with big eyes looks "cute and cuddly".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-56946165>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. We put photos online           | a. is the frogmouth   |
| 2. what kinds of bird             | b. at the bird photos |
| 3. Researchers in Germany looked  | c. bird               |
| 4. social networking              | d. of everything      |
| 5. a great bird                   | e. a nocturnal bird   |
| 6. find the most 'instagrammable' | f. service            |
| 7. The answer                     | g. photo              |
| 8. This is                        | h. photos we like     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. researchers looked at       | a. and cuddly          |
| 2. nine popular photography    | b. sides of their head |
| 3. the frogmouth was the       | c. humanlike           |
| 4. most birds' eyes are on the | d. accounts            |
| 5. the frogmouth's eyes are    | e. big eyes            |
| 6. This makes it look          | f. 30,000 bird photos  |
| 7. any bird or animal with     | g. in the centre       |
| 8. cute                        | h. most liked          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We put (1) \_\_\_\_\_ everything we eat, buy and do. There is now a study about (2) \_\_\_\_\_ bird photos we like. Researchers in Germany looked at the bird (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on the photo-sharing social networking service Instagram. They looked (4) \_\_\_\_\_: "What makes a great bird photo?" They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the most 'instagrammable' bird. The answer is the frogmouth. This is a nocturnal (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in India, Southeast Asia and Australia.

The researchers looked at 30,000 bird (7) \_\_\_\_\_ popular photography accounts. They used a programme to find which (8) \_\_\_\_\_ most "likes". A bird expert said the frogmouth was the most liked because of (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said that most birds' eyes are on the sides (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but the frogmouth's eyes are in the centre. This makes (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A photographer said any bird or animal with big eyes looks (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BIRD PHOTOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210504-bird-photos-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bird photos 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) \_\_\_\_\_

