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**Level 2** – 4th May, 2021

## Researchers find most 'instagrammable' bird

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# THE READING

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We put photos online of everything, from our breakfast to the new shoes we buy. Researchers have published a study about what kinds of bird photos we like on the social media site Instagram. This is a photo-sharing social networking service where uploaded images are viewable for just 24 hours. The researchers are from a university in Germany. They looked into the question: "What makes a great bird photo?" They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird. They found that the frogmouth is the best. This is a nocturnal bird that lives in India, Southeast Asia and Australia.

The researchers looked at nearly 30,000 bird photos from nine popular photography accounts. They created an algorithm to find which photos got the most "likes". Bird expert Tim Snyder said the frogmouth was the most liked because of its large eyes and wide beak. He said that most birds' eyes are positioned on the sides of their head, but the frogmouth's eyes are more in the centre of its face. This makes it look more "humanlike". A wildlife photographer said: "Anything cute and cuddly [creates] something in human nature - and particularly anything with big eyes."

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<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/apr/30/researchers-find-frogmouth-is-worlds-most-instagrammable-bird>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. We put photos online         | a. for just 24 hours |
| 2. the new shoes                | b. photos we like    |
| 3. what kinds of bird           | c. bird              |
| 4. the social                   | d. the question      |
| 5. uploaded images are viewable | e. we buy            |
| 6. The researchers are          | f. media site        |
| 7. They looked into             | g. from a university |
| 8. This is a nocturnal          | h. of everything     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. researchers looked at nearly    | a. in the centre      |
| 2. find which photos got           | b. with big eyes      |
| 3. most birds' eyes are positioned | c. the most likes     |
| 4. the frogmouth's eyes are more   | d. and cuddly         |
| 5. This makes it look              | e. nature             |
| 6. Anything cute                   | f. 30,000 bird photos |
| 7. human                           | g. on the sides       |
| 8. anything                        | h. more humanlike     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BIRD PHOTOS SURVEY

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

