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Researchers find most 'instagrammable' bird

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THE ARTICLE

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The researchers analysed nearly 30,000 bird photos from nine popular bird photography Instagram accounts. They created a special computer algorithm to find which photos attracted the most "likes" on the photo-sharing platform. Ornithologist Tim Snyder suggested the frogmouth was the most liked bird because of its large eyes and wide beak. He said that while most birds' eyes are positioned on the sides of their head, the frogmouth's eyes are more in the centre of its face, which makes the bird appear more "humanlike". Wildlife photographer Graeme Purdy told the BBC: "Anything cute and cuddly evokes something in human nature - and particularly anything with big eyes."

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WARM-UPS

1. BIRD PHOTOS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about bird photos. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

share / photos / online / breakfast / social network / 24 hours / birds / favourite / photography / computer / algorithm / platform / large eyes / beak / wildlife / cute

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA: Students A **strongly** believe animals and birds are the best things to post on social media; Students B **strongly** believe other things are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHARING: What is interesting about these kinds of photos on social media? How interested are you in them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Is Interesting?	How Interested Are You?
Birds		
Breakfast		
People's new shoes		
Other people's children		
Puppies and kittens		
Cars		

5. BREAKFAST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "breakfast". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BIRDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best birds at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Frogmouth
- Eagle
- Pigeon
- Hummingbird
- Seagull
- Parrot
- Ostrich
- Kiwi

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. seems | a. At a time near to now; not long ago. |
| 2. recently | b. Able to be looked at or inspected. |
| 3. published | c. A picture obtained by a camera, telescope, microscope, or other device, or displayed on a computer or video screen. |
| 4. image | d. Prepared and issued a book, journal, piece of music, or other work for public sale. |
| 5. viewable | e. Gives the feeling or sensation of being something or having a particular quality. |
| 6. discovered | f. Done, occurring, or active at night. |
| 7. nocturnal | g. Found. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. analysed | h. Put or arranged someone or something in a particular place or way. |
| 9. popular | i. Examined something, especially information, to explain something. |
| 10. algorithm | j. A bird's horny projecting jaws; a bill. |
| 11. attracted | k. Cute and pleasant to hold close to your body. |
| 12. beak | l. A process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations, especially by a computer. |
| 13. positioned | m. Caused to come to a place or participate in something by offering something of interest, favorable conditions, or opportunities. |
| 14. cuddly | n. Liked, admired, or enjoyed by many people or by a particular person or group. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says the most popular photos to put online are of breakfasts. **T / F**
- b. The article says some Instagram posts stay online for over 24 hours. **T / F**
- c. The research is from a university in Germany. **T / F**
- d. Researchers found the most "instagrammable" bird to be the mouthfrog. **T / F**
- e. Researchers looked at over 30,000 photos of birds in their research. **T / F**
- f. Researchers used a special algorithm to find the "best" bird. **T / F**
- g. The "winning" bird has big eyes and a narrow beak. **T / F**
- h. A photographer said animals with large eyes are cute and cuddly. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. seems | a. examined |
| 2. study | b. found |
| 3. uploaded | c. indicated |
| 4. tried | d. especially |
| 5. discovered | e. paper |
| 6. analysed | f. located |
| 7. popular | g. posted |
| 8. suggested | h. attempted |
| 9. positioned | i. well-liked |
| 10. particularly | j. appears |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. It seems we share photos online of | a. 30,000 bird photos |
| 2. Researchers have recently published | b. networking service |
| 3. a photo and video-sharing social | c. cuddly |
| 4. uploaded images are viewable | d. bird |
| 5. This is a nocturnal | e. wide beak |
| 6. The researchers analysed nearly | f. everything these days |
| 7. computer | g. sides of their head |
| 8. its large eyes and | h. a study |
| 9. most birds' eyes are positioned on the | i. algorithm |
| 10. cute and | j. for just 24 hours |

GAP FILL

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

It seems we share photos online of (1) _____ these days, from what we eat for breakfast to the new shoes we have (2) _____. Researchers have recently published a study about what (3) _____ of bird photos we like on the social media site Instagram. This is a photo and video-sharing (4) _____ networking service on which uploaded images are viewable for (5) _____ 24 hours. The researchers are from the University of Konstanz in Germany. They looked into the (6) _____: "What makes a great bird photo?" They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird. They (7) _____ that the frogmouth is our favourite. This is a nocturnal bird that is found from India, (8) _____ Southeast Asia to Australia.

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It seems we share photos online of _____
 - a. everything this days
 - b. everything thesis days
 - c. everything these days
 - d. everything them days
- 2) a study about what kinds of bird photos we like on the social _____
 - a. media site Instagram
 - b. media sight Instagram
 - c. media side Instagram
 - d. media spite Instagram
- 3) video-sharing social networking service on which uploaded _____
 - a. image is are viewable
 - b. imagines are viewable
 - c. imageries are viewable
 - d. images are viewable
- 4) They discovered that the frogmouth _____
 - a. is hour favourite
 - b. is out favourite
 - c. is ours favourite
 - d. is our favourite
- 5) This is a nocturnal bird that is found from India, _____
 - a. abreast Southeast Asia
 - b. across Southeast Asia
 - c. ache cross Southeast Asia
 - d. a cross Southeast Asia
- 6) a special computer algorithm to find which photos attracted _____
 - a. the must likes
 - b. the mast likes
 - c. the moist likes
 - d. the most likes
- 7) the frogmouth was the most liked bird because of its large eyes _____
 - a. and wide break
 - b. and wide bleak
 - c. and wide back
 - d. and wide beak
- 8) He said that while most birds' eyes are positioned on the sides _____
 - a. of their head
 - b. off their head
 - c. oft their head
 - d. oaf their head
- 9) the centre of its face, which makes the bird appear _____
 - a. more humane like
 - b. more humane likes
 - c. more human liked
 - d. more humanlike
- 10) Anything cute and cuddly evokes something _____
 - a. in humans nature
 - b. in humane nature
 - c. in human nature
 - d. in who man nature

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What two things does the article say we share photos of online?
2. What have researchers recently published?
3. For how long do Instagram photos stay online?
4. In which country is the university that did this research?
5. When is the frogmouth most active?
6. How many photos of birds did the researchers look at?
7. What did the researchers use to analyse the bird photos?
8. What part of the frogmouth did an ornithologist say was wide?
9. Where on the frogmouth's face are its eyes?
10. What did a photographer say evokes something in human nature?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What two things does the article say we share photos of online?
 - a) puppies and kittens
 - b) breakfast and new shoes
 - c) selfies and cars
 - d) sunrises and sunsets
- 2) What have researchers recently published?
 - a) a magazine
 - b) a book
 - c) a newspaper
 - d) a study
- 3) For how long do Instagram photos stay online?
 - a) 24 hours
 - b) 12 hours
 - c) 2 hours
 - d) 48 hours
- 4) In which country is the university that did this research?
 - a) Italy
 - b) France
 - c) Germany
 - d) Spain
- 5) When is the frogmouth most active?
 - a) at the weekend
 - b) at night
 - c) on Mondays
 - d) in the afternoon
- 6) How many photos of birds did the researchers look at?
 - a) just over 30,000
 - b) exactly 30,000
 - c) nearly 30,000
 - d) around 30,000
- 7) What did the researchers use to analyse the bird photos?
 - a) an opinion poll
 - b) a microscope
 - c) a camera
 - d) a computer algorithm
- 8) What part of the frogmouth did an ornithologist say was wide?
 - a) its beak
 - b) its wingspan
 - c) its feet
 - d) its smile
- 9) Where on the frogmouth's face are its eyes?
 - a) in the centre
 - b) at the bottom
 - c) on the left
 - d) at the top
- 10) What did a photographer say evokes something in human nature?
 - a) a scary bird
 - b) anything cute and cuddly
 - c) anything full of colour
 - d) sounds

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Frogmouth

You think a frogmouth is the best bird. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): eagle, hummingbird or kiwi.

Role B – Eagle

You think an eagle is the best bird. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): frogmouth, hummingbird or kiwi.

Role C – Hummingbird

You think a hummingbird is the best bird. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): eagle, frogmouth or kiwi.

Role D – Kiwi

You think a kiwi is the best bird. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their birds. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): eagle, hummingbird or frogmouth.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'bird' and 'photos'.

bird	photos

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• share• recently• service• looked• find• found	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• nearly• special• platform• wide• appear• nature
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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.

BIRD PHOTOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'bird'?
3. What do you think of birds?
4. What are your favourite birds?
5. Do you like taking photos of birds?
6. What do you think of social media?
7. What kinds of photos do you post on social media?
8. What do you think of Instagram?
9. What do you think of the frogmouth?
10. What do you think of the national bird of your country?

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BIRD PHOTOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'photo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do people like ornithology?
15. Are animals with large eyes cuter than those with small eyes?
16. What do you think of the name 'frogmouth'?
17. What are the cutest and cuddliest animals and birds?
18. Do you think birds are good pets?
19. What birds don't you like?
20. What questions would you like to ask an ornithologist?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) these | (b) them | (c) they | (d) that |
| 2. | (a) such | (b) much | (c) what | (d) that |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) so |
| 4. | (a) be | (b) gives | (c) does | (d) makes |
| 5. | (a) fund | (b) fond | (c) find | (d) fend |
| 6. | (a) sparkle | (b) nocturnal | (c) evening | (d) eternal |
| 7. | (a) close | (b) nearly | (c) closely | (d) near |
| 8. | (a) downloaded | (b) attracted | (c) photographed | (d) liked |
| 9. | (a) width | (b) widen | (c) wide | (d) widens |
| 10. | (a) many | (b) some | (c) much | (d) more |
| 11. | (a) appeared | (b) appearing | (c) appears | (d) appear |
| 12. | (a) cuddles | (b) cuddle | (c) cuddled | (d) cuddly |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. recently bpehidlus a study
2. a photo and video-sharing social rotewnikgn service
3. which uploaded images are eaiwlevb
4. rherrcsaese are from the university
5. They viseedcodr that the frogmouth is our favourite
6. This is a aclrnnuot bird

Paragraph 2

7. nine popular bird ghohyprotpa Instagram accounts
8. a special computer hightmrao
9. which photos taedtcrta the most "likes"
10. eyes are dnipotisoe on the sides
11. Anything cute and ucyddl
12. arupcrltayi anything with big eyes

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () accounts. They created a special computer algorithm to find which photos attracted the most
- () face, which makes the bird appear more "humanlike". Wildlife photographer Graeme Purdy told the
- (**1**) It seems we share photos online of everything these days, from what we eat for
- () of bird photos we like on the social media site Instagram. This is a photo and video-sharing social
- () bird photo?" They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird. They discovered that the frogmouth
- () positioned on the sides of their head, the frogmouth's eyes are more in the centre of its
- () networking service on which uploaded images are viewable for just 24 hours. The researchers are from
- () is our favourite. This is a nocturnal bird that is found from India, across Southeast Asia to Australia.
- () "likes" on the photo-sharing platform. Ornithologist Tim Snyder suggested the frogmouth was the most
- () BBC: "Anything cute and cuddly evokes something in human nature - and particularly anything with big eyes."
- () breakfast to the new shoes we have bought. Researchers have recently published a study about what kinds
- () the University of Konstanz in Germany. They looked into the question: "What makes a great
- () liked bird because of its large eyes and wide beak. He said that while most birds' eyes are
- () The researchers analysed nearly 30,000 bird photos from nine popular bird photography Instagram

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. days . photos online of these share everything We
2. What we of bird kinds photos like .
3. just viewable are images 24 Uploaded hours . for
4. find tried most the They to 'instagrammable' bird .
5. in that bird India nocturnal found A is
6. bird The photos . researchers analysed nearly 30,000
7. computer to A find special algorithm photos . the
8. are on eyes birds' sides . the positioned Most
9. humanlike . bird the makes more appear This
10. in cute Anything human something evokes nature .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

It *seems* / *seem* we share photos online of everything these days, from what we eat *for* / *from* breakfast to the new shoes we have *brought* / *bought*. Researchers have recently published *the* / *a* study about what kinds of bird photos we like on the social media *sight* / *site* Instagram. This is a photo and video-sharing social networking service on which *downloaded* / *uploaded* images are viewable for just 24 *hours* / *hourly*. The researchers are from the University of Konstanz in Germany. They looked into the question: "What makes a *grate* / *great* bird photo?" They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird. They *discovery* / *discovered* that the frogmouth is our favourite. This is a *nocturnal* / *nocturne* bird that is found from India, across Southeast Asia to Australia.

The researchers analysed *nears* / *nearly* 30,000 bird photos from nine *popularity* / *popular* bird photography Instagram accounts. They created a special computer algorithm to *fund* / *find* which photos *attracted* / *attractive* the most "likes" on the photo-sharing *stage* / *platform*. Ornithologist Tim Snyder suggested the frogmouth was the most liked bird *because* / *due* of its large eyes and wide beak. He said that while most birds' eyes are *positioned* / *posted* on the sides of their head, the frogmouth's eyes are more *on* / *in* the centre of its face, which makes the bird appear more "humanlike". Wildlife *photography* / *photographer* Graeme Purdy told the BBC: "Anything cute and *cuddle* / *cuddly* evokes something in human nature - and particularly anything with big eyes."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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d_ys, fr_m wh_t w_ __t f_r br__kf_st t_ th_ n_w
sh__s w_ h_v_ b__ght. R_s__rch_rs h_v_ r_c__ntly
p_bl_sh_d _ st_dy _b__t wh_t k_nds _f b_r_d ph_t_s
w_ l_k_ _n th_ s_c__l m_d__ s_t_ _nst_gr_m. Th_s _s
_ ph_t_ _nd v_d__-sh_r_ng s_c__l n_tw_rk_ng s_rv_c_
_n wh_ch _pl__d_d _m_g_s _r_ v__w_bl_ f_r j_st 24
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th_ m_st '_nst_gr_mm_bl_' b_r_d. Th_y d_sc_v_r_d th_t
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t_ __str_l__.

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_cc__nts. Th_y cr__t_d _ sp_c__l c_mp_t_r _lg_r_thm
t_ f_nd wh_ch ph_t_s _ttr_ct_d th_ m_st "l_k_s" _n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BIRD PHOTOS: Make a poster about bird photos. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SOCIAL MEDIA: Write a magazine article about making social media companies delete all social media posts 24 hours after they are posted. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on bird photos. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on birds. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. e	3. g	4. h	5. b
6. a	7. i	8. c	9. f	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Breakfast and new shoes
2. A study
3. 24 hours
4. Germany
5. At night
6. Nearly 30,000
7. A computer algorithm
8. Its beak
9. In the centre
10. Anything cute and cuddly

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. We share photos online of everything these days.
2. What kinds of bird photos we like.
3. Uploaded images are viewable for just 24 hours.
4. They tried to find the most 'instagrammable' bird.
5. A nocturnal bird that is found in India
6. The researchers analysed nearly 30,000 bird photos.
7. A special computer algorithm to find the photos.
8. Most birds' eyes are positioned on the sides.
9. This makes the bird appear more humanlike.
10. Anything cute evokes something in human nature.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)