

A CRANE IS NOT

A crane is not a stork.  
A stork will perch and nest in trees;  
It has a long hind toe  
Besides a shorter neck and knees.

A crane is not a heron.  
A heron has that long back toe;  
Its neck is angled sharply,  
Its voice is raucous like a crow.

A crane is no flamingo.  
Flamingos nest in noisy groups;  
They're pink, their feet are webbed,  
Their bills are black and shaped like scoops.

A crane is not an ibis.  
An ibis sports a curving bill  
And never grows as tall,  
Nor ventures far in northern chill.

Discover what cranes really are  
By learning all the things they're not.  
Compare the feet and necks and bills  
To find out what you've got.

Puzzle Answers: A. Flamingo, B. Ibis,  
C. Crane, D. Wood Stork, E. Heron