



Quick Check

Ostriches: Giant Birds

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following details supports the main idea of the section "Kickboxing Champs"?
 - Ⓐ A rooster—the dominant male—is in charge of the herd.
 - Ⓑ An ostrich can kill a full-grown lion with one kick.
 - Ⓒ Ostriches are omnivores.
 - Ⓓ Most birds have a gland that spreads oil over their feathers.
2. How are ostriches similar to other birds?
 - Ⓐ They can fly.
 - Ⓑ They have two toes.
 - Ⓒ They are fast runners.
 - Ⓓ They lay eggs.
3. An ostrich is an **omnivore** because it eats _____.
 - Ⓐ plants and minerals
 - Ⓑ only plants
 - Ⓒ plants and animals
 - Ⓓ only animals
4. What adaptation causes ostriches to be the fastest birds on foot?
 - Ⓐ their unusual feathers
 - Ⓑ their two-toed feet
 - Ⓒ their long necks
 - Ⓓ their forward-bending legs
5. Under which section title would you expect to find information on how ostriches are born and how ostrich parents care for their chicks?
 - Ⓐ "Egg-stra Large"
 - Ⓑ "Eating Like a Bird"
 - Ⓒ "No Ordinary Bird"
 - Ⓓ "The Original Big Bird"
6. **Extended Response:** How does the author feel about ostriches? Describe at least two details from the book that indicate the author's point of view. Then compare your opinion to the author's opinion.



1. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **(D)** *Compare and Contrast*
3. **(C)** *Vocabulary*
4. **(B)** *Cause and Effect*
5. **(A)** *Main Idea and Details*
6. Answers will vary slightly but should indicate that the author considers the ostrich to be an amazing animal, stronger and more powerful than its other bird relatives, with original features and adaptations that make it awesome; or other thoughts along those lines. Students will identify at least two details from the book to justify their answer. They conclude by sharing their opinion about ostriches and comparing it to the author's.