

YOU QUACK ME UP!

Penguin, emu and ostrich get together to learn how to fly – but fail in hilarious ways! Fill in the blanks with adjectives, verbs and nouns to hear the whole story.

After staring longingly at the sky, the group set a goal: to take flight. Finally.

An emperor penguin, with its sleek, black-and-white body, stood at the edge of a sparkling pond. Its flipper-like wings **1** _____ (verb) as it checked out the water's surface.

Nearby, an emu with long, powerful legs and **2** _____ (adjective) wings paced back and forth on the grassy plain, trying to think of more ways to fly.

The last member, an ostrich, the **3** _____ (adjective) of the group with her amazing **4** _____ (noun) and long neck, stretched her **5** _____ (noun) and prepared for a high-speed run.

After many tries, she decided this would be her last try to take-off like a plane at the end of its runway. "It doesn't make sense that you can't fly. Your wings are so big," said the penguin. "I've been wondering the same all my life," the ostrich replied.

She was getting ready to give it one last shot and run at her fastest **6** _____ (noun), breathing in and out, in and out. On her marks, get set, fly... and crash! Her body is so heavy that even her big wings can't keep her in the air long enough to fly.

The penguin was testing out the pond, but it wasn't deep enough to **7** _____ (verb) into and shoot out of like he does after fishing in the sea. Even then, he doesn't shoot for the sky, he belly-flopped onto the ice.

The ostrich offered to piggy-back the penguin so he could jump off her back and fly. After the penguin spent 15 minutes trying to **8** _____ (verb) off the ground and onto the ostrich's back, the emu suggested that the ostrich sit down so the penguin can easily hop on.

"I'm so silly! Why didn't I think of that myself?" the penguin said with a laugh. The ostrich bent her long **9** _____ (noun) until she was sitting on the ground. After many tries, the emu decided to help

