

by using her head to **10 \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)** the penguin onto the ostrich's back.

"What would we do without you?" the penguin said. Flat on his belly, the penguin stayed as still as possible while the ostrich started getting up. The ostrich stood up slowly, but the penguin **11 \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)** right off her back. Disappointed, the penguin started to cry. The ostrich and the emu didn't know what to do, so they both stood still and waited as the penguin cried tears of sadness.

"I think there's a way we can try again. Use the claws on your feet, and your **12 \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)**, to hold on to my feathers," said the ostrich. "That way, you won't slide off!"

"Good idea!" said the emu. The ostrich sat down, and the penguin climbed on again, this time using his claws and beak to hold on tightly to the ostrich. Feeling **13 \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)** about her idea, the ostrich stood up faster than before. The penguin held on tight, but his beak pinched too hard, poking the ostrich. "Ouch!" she shouted. Once again, the penguin was lying on the ground. "Hey! You pulled out one of my feathers!" cried the ostrich. "It was an accident. You stood up so quickly and I panicked," replied the penguin.

The emu took the ostrich's **14 \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)** and planted it in the ground. "Let's make a wish that we will fly," she said and the three birds blew

on it. Then, they all walked to the pond for a few gulps of **15 \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)**, sat down and rested for half an hour.

The emu is almost as **16 \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)** as the ostrich, so she decided to try piggy-back on the ostrich. It was wobbly, but the emu stayed on. When she decided it was time for lift off, she realised that she couldn't do it. The ostrich's head and **17 \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)** were in front of her, and she couldn't jump over it.

"You need to turn around," said the penguin. **18 \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)** on, the emu sat facing the other way. She jumped up but her time in the air was very short before she **19 \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)** to the ground. "It's no surprise that I can't fly. My wings are **20 \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)**" she said. "The closest I can get to flying is leaping from the sea water to the **21 \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)**," said the penguin. "My body is too heavy to **22 \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)** off the ground long enough to fly," said the ostrich.

"At least you're tall enough to see far distances," the penguin said to the ostrich. "You can swim and hold your breath underwater for 20 minutes," she replied. "Let's face it, guys. Our bodies are just not built to fly," said the emu. "But we can do other things that are pretty **23 \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)**," the ostrich smiled.



## SOLUTIONS

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