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Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Circle group

A flamingo is a tall bird. It has long, thin legs and pink feathers. But a baby flamingo is gray.

How does it turn pink? Its food does it. A flamingo wades in shallow water. It eats tiny plants and tiny shrimp. They have a color in them. The color goes into the bird. Its feathers turn pink.

Without this food, it would be pale.

Questions

1. What color is a baby flamingo?

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2. Where does a flamingo wade?

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3. What does a flamingo eat?

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4. What turns its feathers pink?

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5. What if a flamingo did not eat this food?

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Words to know

flamingo: a tall pink bird with long thin legs
wade: to walk in water that is not deep
shrimp: a small sea animal with a bendy body
pale: light in color, with very little color

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Triangle group

A flamingo is a tall bird with long, thin legs. Its feathers are pink. But a baby flamingo is not pink. It is gray.

So how does a flamingo turn pink? The answer is its food. A flamingo wades in shallow water. It scoops up tiny plants and tiny shrimp. These foods have a color in them. The color goes into the bird, and the feathers turn pink.

If a flamingo did not eat these foods, it would be pale. A flamingo is pink because of what it eats.

Questions

1. What color is a baby flamingo?

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2. Where does a flamingo wade?

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3. What does a flamingo scoop up to eat?

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4. What makes the flamingo's feathers turn pink?

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5. What would happen if a flamingo did not eat these foods?

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Words to know

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Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Square group

A flamingo is a tall bird with long, thin legs and bright pink feathers. A baby flamingo, however, is not pink at all. It is gray.

So how does a flamingo turn pink? The answer lies in its food. A flamingo wades through shallow water and scoops up tiny plants and tiny shrimp. These foods contain a color, which goes into the bird's body and turns its feathers pink.

If a flamingo did not eat these foods, it would be pale. A flamingo is pink because of what it eats.

Questions

1. What color is a baby flamingo?

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2. Where does a flamingo wade to find its food?

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3. What does a flamingo scoop up to eat?

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4. What causes the flamingo's feathers to turn pink?

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5. What would happen to a flamingo that did not eat these foods?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Easier · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.8

1. Gray.
2. In shallow water.
3. Tiny plants and tiny shrimp.
4. The color in its food.
5. It would be pale.

Triangle: Why a Flamingo Is Pink

This passage · 89 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. Gray.
2. In shallow water.
3. Tiny plants and tiny shrimp.
4. The color in the food it eats.
5. It would be pale instead of pink.

Square: Why a Flamingo Is Pink

Harder · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.8

1. Gray.
2. Through shallow water.
3. Tiny plants and tiny shrimp.
4. A color found in the foods it eats.
5. It would be pale instead of pink.