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You may wonder where such a magnificent creature lives. Mostly found in the warm savannas and grasslands of Africa, they enjoy a sunny and open environment. They can withstand high temperatures and don't need a lot of water, which makes them perfect for the African climate. With their keen eyesight and amazing speed, they can escape most dangers in these wide open spaces.

Now, let's talk about their diet and their relationship with others in the animal kingdom. Ostriches are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and small animals. Their meals consist mainly of seeds, shrubs, grass, fruit, and occasionally insects, lizards or other small creatures that they can catch. They live in small herds, and while they can be a meal for lions or cheetahs, their powerful kicks can be a serious defense.



Humans and ostriches have had a long history together. We've been fascinated by these unique birds for centuries, using their feathers for decoration, their eggs for food, and their leather for clothes. Some people even race ostriches for sport! So, from their towering height to their surprising speed, ostriches are truly one-of-a-kind birds that show us how diverse and fascinating the animal kingdom can be.

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- 31) Ostriches can survive high temperatures and don't require lots of water.
- 32) Ostrich racing must be the most exciting sport to watch.
- 33) The natural habitat of ostriches is the warm savannas and grasslands of Africa.
- 34) It's odd that ostriches live in places with high temperatures but don't need a lot of water.
- 35) An ostrich is the tallest bird on earth.
- 36) The noise an ostrich makes is really funny.
- 37) An ostrich's diet consists of both plants and small animals.
- 38) An ostrich can't fly even though it has large wings.
- 39) With their long legs and fluffy feathers, ostriches are the most interesting looking birds.
- 40) Being able to withstand attacks from lions or cheetahs, ostriches are surely the toughest birds.

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- 41) Ostrich eggs are used for food by humans.
- 42) The Ostrich lives in a large herd with hundreds of other ostriches.
- 43) Ostriches are able to withstand high temperatures.
- 44) Ostriches are carnivores who only eat other small creatures.
- 45) Ostriches don't need a lot of water.
- 46) Ostriches are typically around 2 or 3 feet tall.
- 47) Ostriches can only fly in short bursts of 10 minutes or less.
- 48) Ostriches are mainly found in the cold forests of Africa.
- 49) Ostriches may occasionally eat small creatures.
- 50) The ostrich is the tallest bird on the planet.

Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.

51) It's a myth that ostriches bury their heads in the sand when they are scared.

- A. It was
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Determine if the sentence is a declarative(d), exclamatory(e), interrogative(i) or imperative(m).

- 56) Ostriches cannot fly but can run very fast.
- 57) Ostriches run faster than horses, that's terrifically fast!
- 58) Despite their huge size, ostriches lay the biggest eggs in the world, that's unbelievable!
- 59) Ostrich feathers are used for making dusters, that's a strange use!
- 60) It's amazing but ostriches cannot walk backward!
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- 62) Do ostriches have long necks?
- 63) It's astonishing but ostriches can survive without water for days!
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19.	Would	44.	false	69.	exclamatory
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21.	Not	46.	false	71.	exclamatory
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