

Read and answer the questions

Where can you find these birds?

Fact file: Albatrosses



Albatrosses are the **largest sea birds**. In windy weather they can stay in the air for hours, hardly moving their wings. In calm weather, they cannot stay up in the air because their bodies are so heavy; then they prefer to float on the sea. They drink sea water, like other seabirds, and eat mainly squid. However, they sometimes follow ships and eat the rubbish that is thrown into the sea. They breed on islands. The female lays a single, very large white egg; both parents keep it warm until the chick hatches out. The chick grows slowly and is only ready to fly after about ten months. It then spends up to ten years on the oceans before it lands on an island and breeds.

Different kinds of albatross are found in the North Atlantic, the North Pacific and the southern oceans around Antarctica. All of them have wingspans of over 2 metres. The largest kind is the 'wandering albatross', which breeds on the islands close to Antarctica. It has the biggest wingspan of any bird today, up to 3.4 metres.

A. Find the information in the text and complete the box below.

Name: <u>Albatross</u>
Lives in: _____ oceans
Eats: _____
Drinks: _____
Lays: _____ egg(s) at a time
Wingspan: _____ metres (from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other)

B. Read the notes and write **three short paragraphs** about tigers. The first paragraph about tigers has been done for you.

<p><b>(A) Where they live</b></p> <p>Siberian tiger -one of the five kinds of tigers in the world Lives: Russia Bengal tiger Lives: Asia</p>	<p><b>(B) Appearance</b></p> <p>Bengal tiger: bright reddish colour Siberian tiger: longer, softer fur Weight: males weigh up to 200 kilos; larger than females</p>
<p><b>(C) Problems</b></p> <p>hunted for its skin killed because it was dangerous hunted because tiger parts used in Asian medicine tiger hunting banned in the 1970s</p>	<p><b>(D) Key facts</b></p> <p>Age: lives for about 11 years live in grassy areas and forests swim well Hunt at night; eats deer, cows</p>



Tigers: An Endangered Species

Where they live

The Siberian tiger is one of the five kinds of tigers in the world. It lives in Russia. Another kind of tiger is the Bengal tiger, which is only found in Asia.

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Key facts