

SWANS

Read the text and choose the correct word for each blank.

A swan is a bird (0) _____ always lives near water. It is like a duck, but much (1) _____, with a very long neck. Swans have heavy bodies, but their wings are very strong (2) _____ they can fly well.

Swans can sleep in or out of the water, and they can (3) _____ go to sleep when they are standing on one leg!

Swans live in several different countries. They are (4) _____ white, but in some places there are black ones, too. Most swans fly to warmer countries (5) _____ the winter starts. This is called "migration".

A baby swan is called a "cygnet". Cygnets are gray and can swim as (6) _____ as they come out of their eggs. A mother swan often carries her young cygnets (7) _____ her back when she's swimming. She does this to keep (8) _____ safe.

Swans are clever birds. If a person does something unkind to a swan, it will (9) _____ that person. You shouldn't go too near to a swan - they can sometimes (10) _____ dangerous.

