

Kid Scoop

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Meet the Peacock

People call them peacocks, but that's the correct name for only the male peafowl. Females are called peahens.

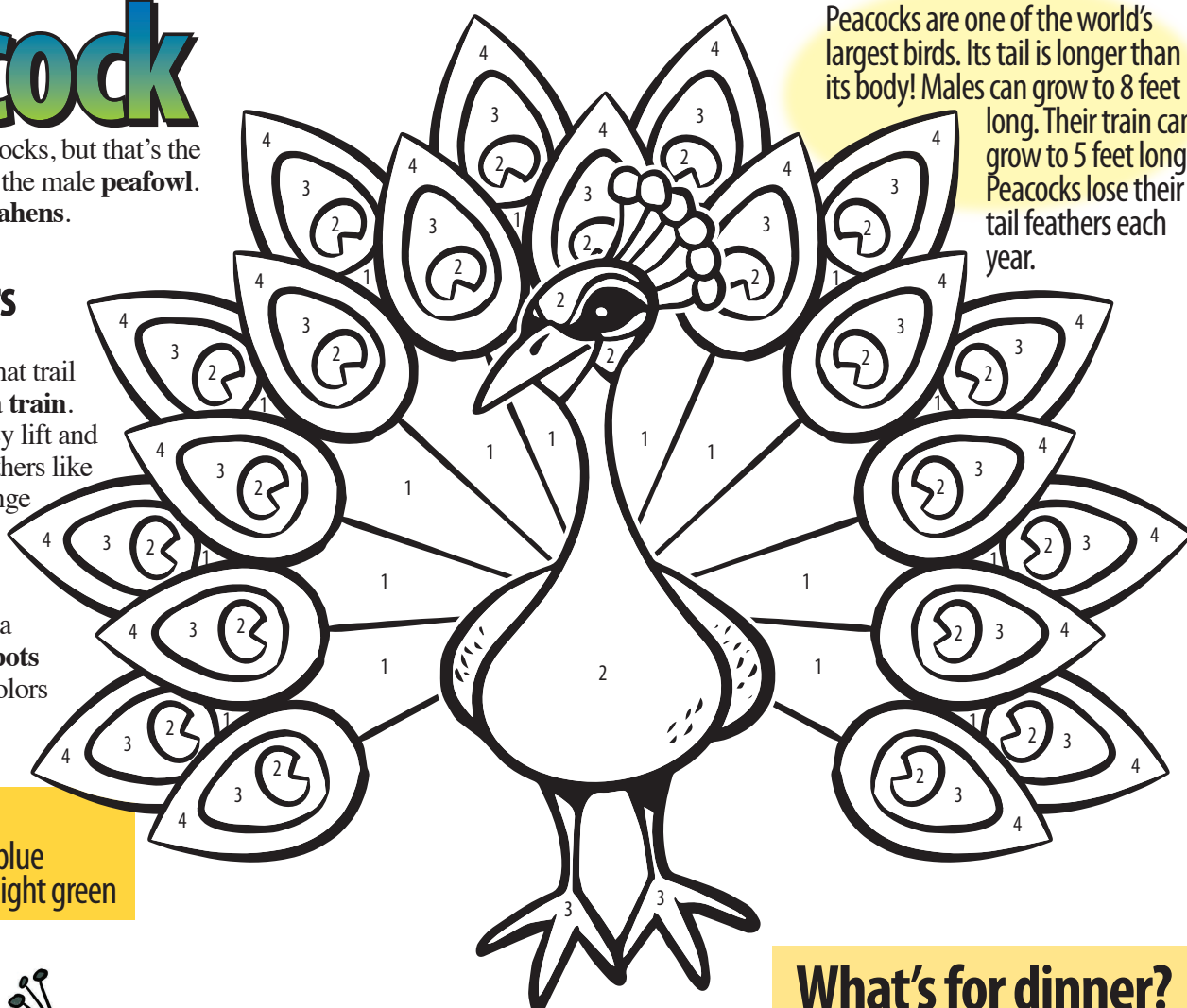
Fancy Feathers

Peacocks have long, colorful tail feathers that trail behind them to form a **train**. To attract females, they lift and spread out the tail feathers like a big fan that can change color and seem to sparkle in the light.

When spread out like a fan, you can see **eyespot** on the feathers. The colors and eyespots attract females.

Color By Numbers:

- 1 = dark green
- 2 = blue
- 3 = orange
- 4 = light green



Peacocks are one of the world's largest birds. Its tail is longer than its body! Males can grow to 8 feet long. Their train can grow to 5 feet long! Peacocks lose their tail feathers each year.

Peafowl have 11 different calls, but the peacocks are the ones that really yell. They have a loud call that carries for a long distance and sounds like "may-AWE! may-AWE!"



Peahens: Fewer Colors = Safety!

Cut out each part of this paragraph and paste them in the correct order.

hatched, she stays on the ground with them until they can fly into the trees.

her eggs on the ground and sits on them until they hatch. It is safer for her to be a color that

Peahens are mostly brown and tan. This keeps them and their peachicks safe. The peahen lays

blends in with ground colors so she is harder for predators to see. Once the peachicks are

What's for dinner?

Peafowl eat grain, insects, small reptiles, mammals, berries, figs, leaves, seeds, and flowers. This means they are:

- Omnivores eat plants and animals.
- Herbivores eat only plants.
- Carnivores eat only meat.

ANSWER: Omnivores

Bird Words

Do the math to match each word with its definition.

- 21 = FOWL
- 10 = PARTY
- 15 = CREST
- 7 = TRAIN
- 12 = ROOST
- 24 = HATCH

12 + 12 = when a baby bird comes out of its egg

18 - 6 = where a bird settles to rest for the night

11 + 4 = a crown of feathers on a peafowl's head

8 + 2 = a group of peafowl — also called a "pride"

9 - 2 = long tail feathers of a peacock

7 + 14 = another word for a bird



The Eyes Have It

Look through the newspaper and count all of the eyes you can find. Categorize the eyes. Are some animal eyes? People eyes? Eye decorations? Other? Make a graph to show the kinds of eyes you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Organize data and display as a graph.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Peafowl have sharp eyes. When they see a predator, they make a loud call which alerts other wildlife.



Use your sharp eyes to find where each of these images came from on this Kid Scoop page.



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

- OMNIVORES
- FEATHERS
- EYESPOTS
- PEAFOWL
- BLENDS
- ALERTS
- SHARP
- SHEDS
- YEAR
- LOUD
- BODY
- TAIL
- TAN
- FAN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Dressing Up

Peacocks aren't the only animals that like to look bright and flashy. Look through the newspaper for some examples of ways people dress up for special occasions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.



Where does a peacock go when it loses its tail?

ANSWER: A re-tail store!

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