

Emma, the Over-Eager Emu

Emma was an **Emu** that lived in Australia.

Emma was **eight years old**.

Emma was an **eager Emu**.

She was **eager to get up** in the morning. She was **eager to eat** her breakfast. She was **eager to go to school**. She was **eager to see** her friends.

“Slow down, **Emma**,” her mother said.

“Hold your horses, **Emma**,” her father said.

“You are too **eager**, **Emma**,” her teacher said.

“Wait for me, **Emma!**” her little sister said.

But **Emma** was always in a hurry.

She ran **here**.

She ran **there**.

She ran **everywhere!**

One morning, **Emma** woke up **early**. But she did not **get up**. She did not want to **eat her breakfast**.

She did not want to go to school. She did not even want to see her friends.

Emma was sick.

“My tummy feels funny, Momma,” Emma cried. “My head hurts”.

“Emma,” her mother said, “you have a ‘bug’. You must stay home from school today”.

So Emma went back to sleep.

When Emma woke up she felt better.

She wanted to eat.

She wanted to play.

“The doctor says you have to be still the rest of the day,” her mother said.

Emma had to stay in bed. Her mother brought her some scrambled eggs.

She watched Emu cartoons on TV.

She colored a picture.

She did a puzzle.

Then Emma was bored. And it was only 12:00 noon!

“I have nothing to do!” Emma cried. “I have no friends!” she wailed.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the front door. In a minute, Emma’s mother peeked into her room.

“Look what your teacher brought to you,” she said.

Emma opened a yellow envelope.

There was a card.

It was colored with rainbows and birds and flowers. All her friends at school had signed the card with their names!

The teacher wrote a note,

“We Miss You, Eager Emma.

Get Well Soon!”

Mother said it was all right to go in the backyard and play. “But, no running, Emma.”

“OK, Momma. I love you!” Emma yelled as she *ran out the door*.

Mother Emu just smiled. After all, that was her little Emma, the Over-Eager Emu.

The End

Did You Know That The Emu...

- females lay eggs and the males sit on the eggs to hatch?
- eggs are 12 times bigger than chicken eggs?
- travel thousands of miles a year to find food?
- eat cockroaches, caterpillars, lizards, grasshoppers, spiders, and flowers?
- babies are called 'chicks'?
- likes to take baths and loves to play in the water?
- have three toes (ostrich has two toes)?
- relatives are the Cassowary, Ostrich, Rhea, and Kiwi?
- are gentle, curious, and easily tamed?
- live only in Australia?

What Else Do You Know About the Emu?

Find Some Other Fun Facts and Write Them Below

True False Quiz

The answers are in the Story and Did You Know

Circle the right answer.

1. T F Emma was an Emu that lived in Africa.

2. T F Emma was lazy.

3. T F Emma couldn't get up one morning because she was sick.

4. T F Emma's friends sent her a 'get-well' card.

5. T F Emu eggs are 12 times bigger than a chicken egg.

6. T F Emus eat roaches.

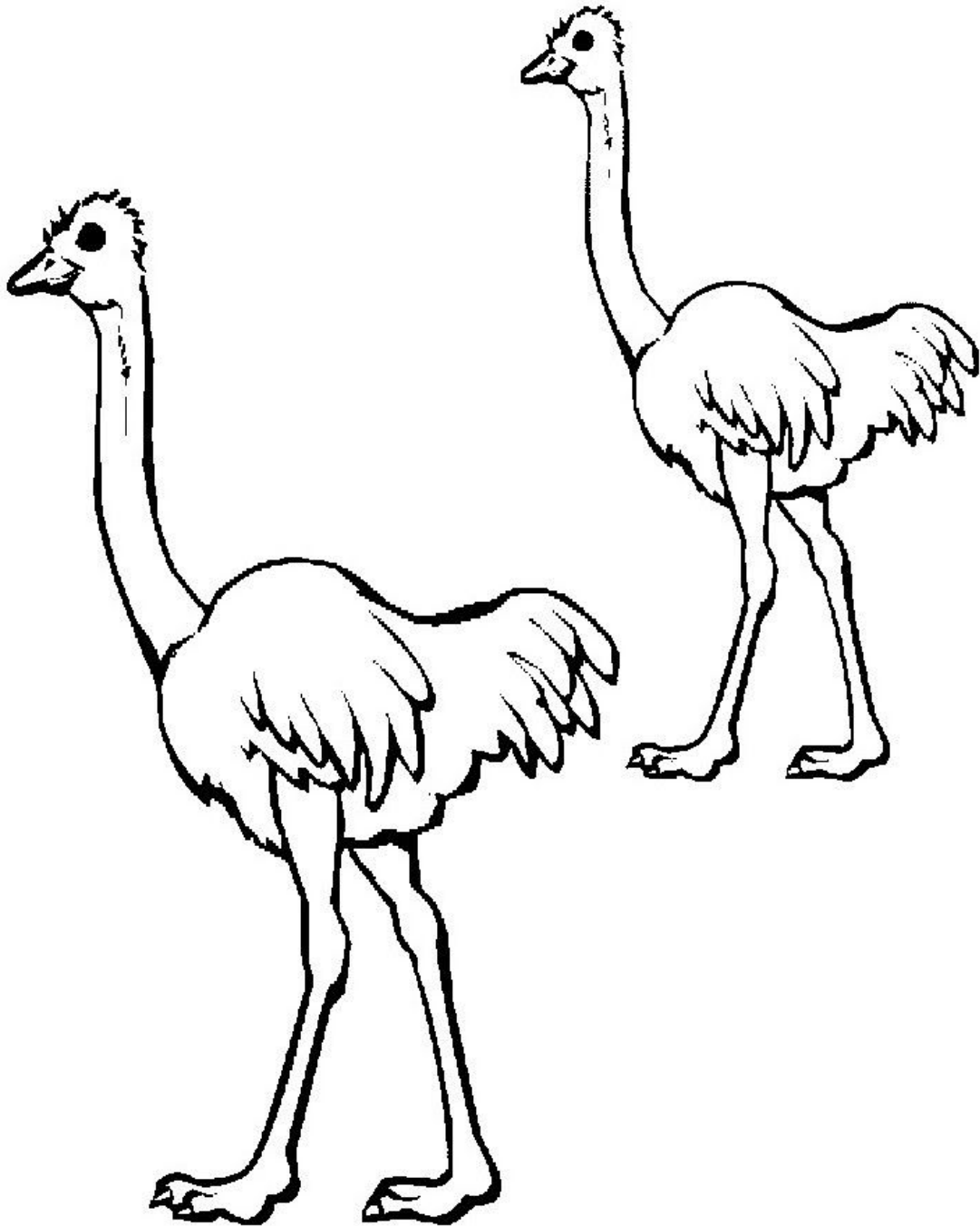
7. T F Emus love to take baths.

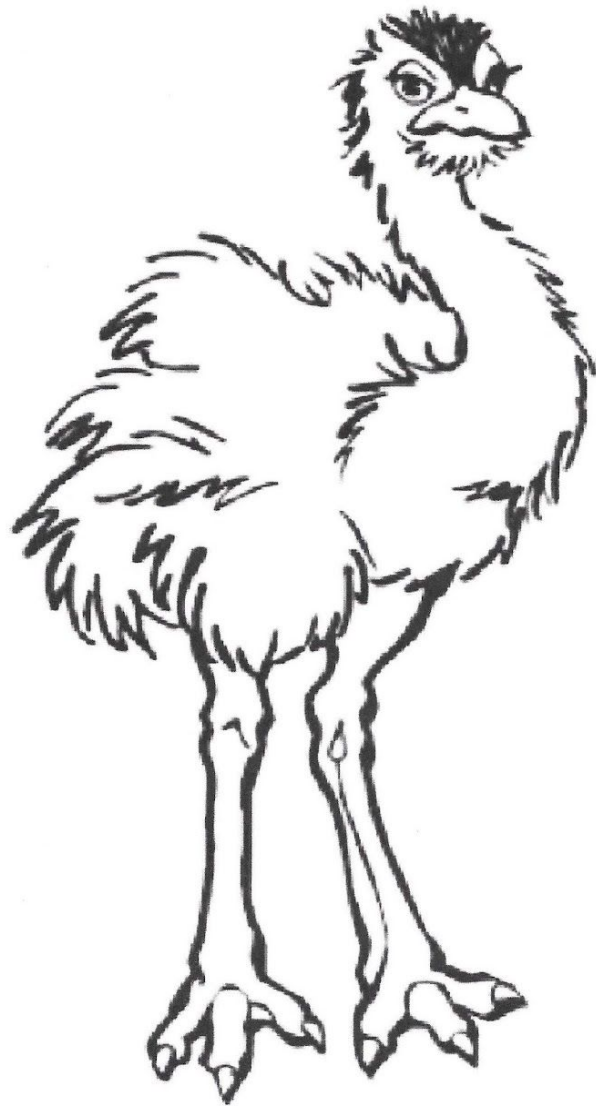
8. T F The Emu has 2 toes and the Ostrich has 3 toes.

9. T F Relatives of the Emu are the giraffe and the rhinoceros.

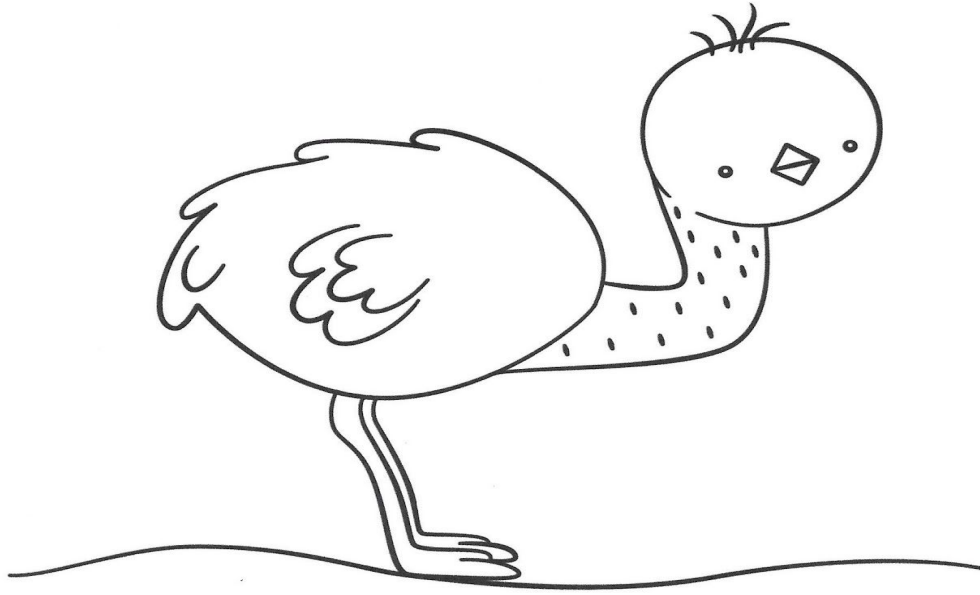
10. T F Emus live only in Australia.

Color the Two Emus, Then Write the Number "2"





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Draw Emma the Emu in the Space Below or on the Back of the Sheet