

# Diving into Ducks: Reading for Details

Get ready to become a duck expert! Today, we'll use your interest in these fascinating birds to sharpen your reading skills. We will explore how ducks are built and how they grow from egg to adult.

## Warm-up: What Do You Know? (5 minutes)

Think about ducks. What's one cool fact you already know about their bodies or how they live? What are you most curious to learn about their anatomy or life cycle?

## Activity 1: Reading Adventure & Vocabulary Hunt (20-25 minutes)

1. Read the selected text(s) about duck anatomy and life cycle.
2. As you read, pay close attention to words that describe parts of a duck's body (anatomy) or stages of its life.
3. In your notebook, create a 'Duck Dictionary'. Write down at least 5 interesting or new vocabulary words you encounter (examples might include: waterfowl, preening, down feathers, incubation, fledging, drake, hen).
4. Next to each word, try to write its definition based on how it's used in the text (using context clues). If needed, you can look up the definition afterwards to check your understanding. Discuss the meaning of each term.

## Activity 2: Anatomy Exploration - Main Ideas & Details (15 minutes)

1. Focus on the section(s) of the text describing duck anatomy (like webbed feet, bill shape, feathers).
2. What is the main idea the author wants you to understand about duck anatomy? (e.g., Ducks have special features that help them live in water).
3. Find at least three specific details from the text that support this main idea. Write these down in your notebook under the heading 'Duck Anatomy Facts'.

## Activity 3: Life Cycle Sequencing & Summary (15-20 minutes)

1. Reread the parts of the text describing the duck life cycle.
2. Identify the key stages. What happens first? What happens next?
3. In your notebook, list the stages in the correct order (e.g., Egg -> Incubation -> Hatchling -> Duckling -> Fledgling -> Adult Duck).
4. Now, summarize the duck life cycle. You can either:
  - a) Write a short paragraph explaining the stages in your own words.
  - b) Draw a simple diagram illustrating the life cycle stages with brief labels.

## Wrap-up & Reflection (5 minutes)

Let's review! What were the key vocabulary words we found? What are some important anatomical features of ducks? Can you quickly list the stages of their life cycle? What was the most surprising or interesting thing you learned about ducks today?

## **Optional Extension Activities:**

- Write a short story from the perspective of a duckling going through one stage of its life cycle.
- Research a specific breed of duck and create a small fact sheet about its unique characteristics.
- Draw a detailed picture of a duck, labeling its key anatomical parts.