Flamingos are very colorful wading birds. They are famous for their bright pink color, their stilt-like legs, and their s-shaped necks. Their favorite foods are shrimp, snails, other crustaceans and algae. Their pink color comes from the food they eat. They eat with their heads upside down. They use their beaks like a shovel to scoop up their food. They stand on one leg a lot of the time.

The habitats of flamingos can be shallow lakes, lagoons or swamps in warm areas. They live in large groups called flocks. The flocks can have thousands of birds or as many as millions in Africa!

1. What does the word “flocks” mean? _____________________________

2. Three things that flamingos eat are _____________________________
_________________________ and ______________________________. 

3. Describe how they get their food. ______________________________
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4. Why are flamingos pink? _____________________________________
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5. Why do you think flamingos stand on 1 leg a lot? ________________
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** Color the black and white pictures.
** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.