The ostrich is the world's biggest bird. It can be 8 feet tall and weigh 320 pounds! It is so heavy that it cannot fly! It has long muscular legs built for running. When confronted by danger, it can usually outrun other animals. If the ostrich can’t outrun a predator, it could kill it with a mighty kick! Ostriches eat mostly leaves, roots, and seeds. But they will eat insects, rodents, snakes, and lizards. Ostriches eat mostly leaves, roots, and seeds. But they will eat insects, rodents, snakes, and lizards. Ostriches eat mostly leaves, roots, and seeds. But they will eat insects, rodents, snakes, and lizards. Ostriches eat mostly leaves, roots, and seeds. But they will eat insects, rodents, snakes, and lizards. Ostriches eat mostly leaves, roots, and seeds. But they will eat insects, rodents, snakes, and lizards.

Do you know the world’s largest bird?
Aw—it’s the ostrich!
What bird is eight feet tall? My word!
Aw—it’s the ostrich!
Who moves 15 feet in a single step?
Who runs forty miles an hour with pep?
Who roars like a lion, hisses like a snake,
And weighs 300 pounds, for heaven’s sake?
Aw—it’s the ostrich!

By Meish Goldish

Read the poem above with a friend. Circle the rhyming words.

Words! Words! Words! Words! Words! Words! Words! Words! Words!

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Make new “all” words above. The first one is done for you!