

# ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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**DE**  
Animals

DIK-DIK



1. **Dik-diks** are one of the smallest antelopes – they grow to just 40 centimetres (16 inches) high.
2. Only male **dik-diks** have horns.
3. They very rarely drink. They get most of their water from plants, fruit and berries.
4. **Dik-diks** noses have a blood-cooling system inside to help them chill out in African heat.
5. Some **dik-diks** have long ‘prehensile’ noses, which they can use to grab shoots and stalks.

WOW!

**Dik-Diks can run at speeds of up to 42 kilometres (26 miles) per hour!**

1. **Degus** come from Chile in South America and are related to guinea pigs and chinchillas.
2. They work together in long lines to dig large underground burrows.
3. They can make 15 different sounds, and each one means something different.
4. **Degus** make good pets, but they love to chew, so must be kept in metal cages.
5. **Degus** have super-vision and can see ultraviolet light!

**Scientists found that degus are so smart they can use tiny rakes to get food that’s out of reach.**

DEGU



COOL!

## EMU



## FACT!

**The emu is the national bird of Australia.**

1. The only bird taller than an emu is an ostrich. **Emus** can grow up to 1.9 metres (6.2 feet) in height.
2. Though emus can't fly, they have small wings, which help them to balance when they run.
3. **Emus** look brown from a distance, but the skin on their face and neck is metallic blue.
4. **Emus** are fast runners and can do a single pace that's almost 3 metres (over 9 feet) long.
5. They have a second translucent eyelid, which they can close to protect their eyes from dust.

1. There are two **elephant** species – the African elephant and the Asian elephant.
2. African **elephants** have larger more rounded ears than Asian elephants.
3. Female **elephants** have longer pregnancies than any other mammal – 22 months.
4. **Elephants** touch trunks when greeting each other and never leave a herd member behind, even when in danger.
5. **Elephants** spend up to 19 hours a day eating and produce up to 100 kilogrammes (220 lbs) of dung!

## ELEPHANT



## AMAZING!

**An elephant's trunk has more than 100,000 muscles!**

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find six differences between these two pictures from our Alphabet Zoo poem.

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JOKE!

What's grey and moves at 70 miles per hour?  
An elephant riding a motorbike!

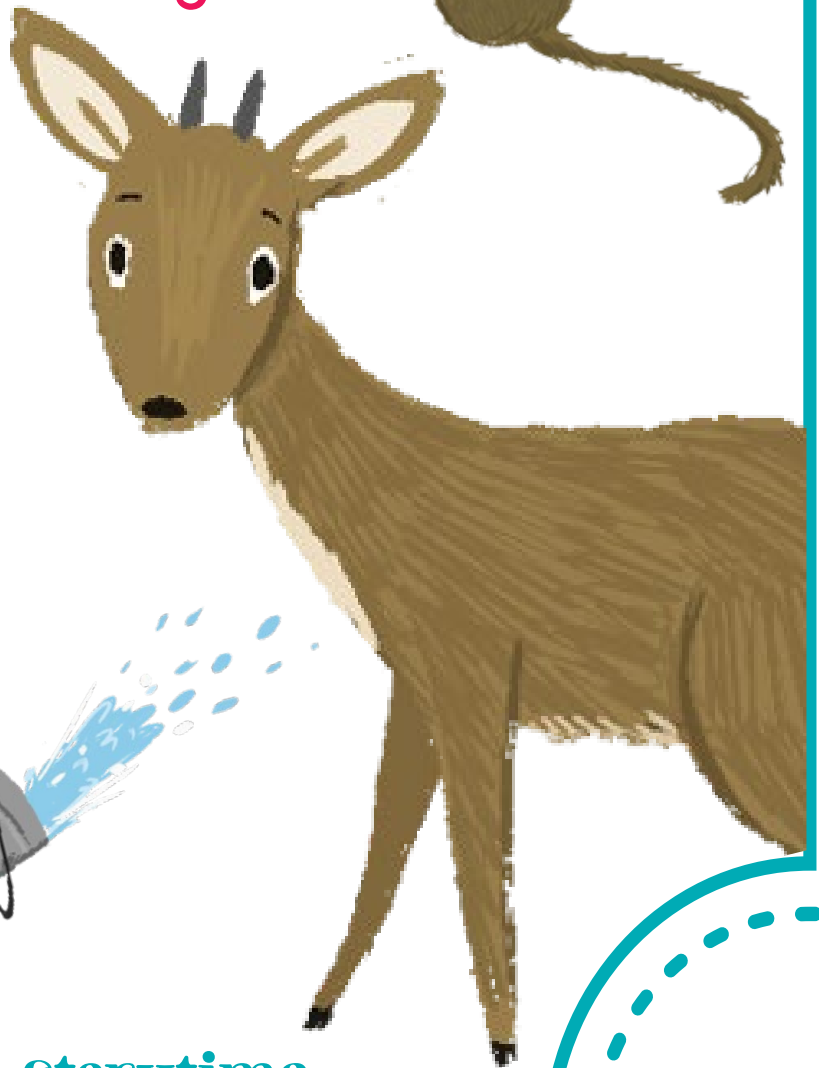
B



**Answers:** In picture B, the blue bird is missing; the trees in the background are taller; the umbrella is a different colour; there is an extra Degu below the umbrella; there is a bandicoot on the log; and the gumpy emu has a different-coloured beak.

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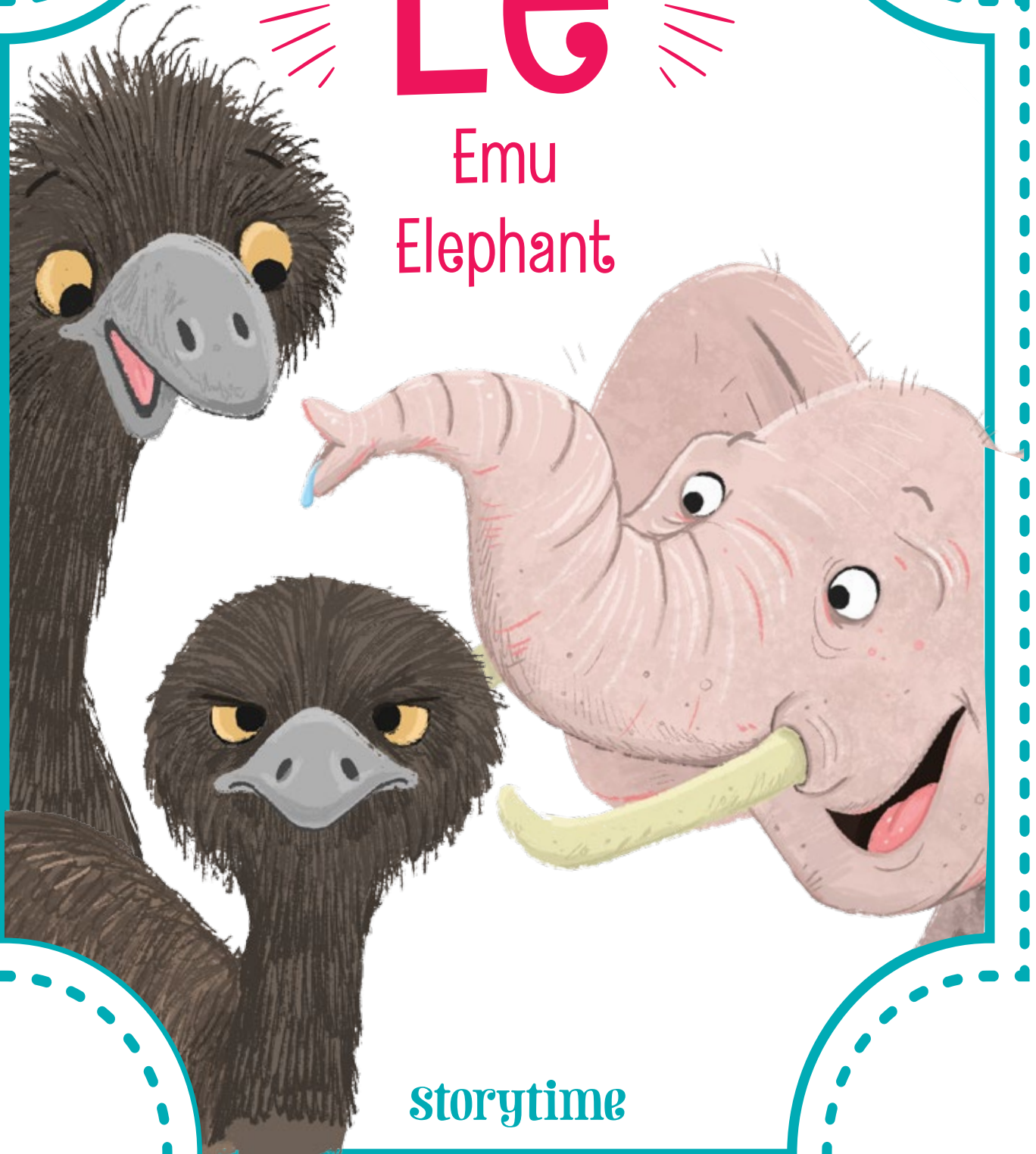
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Degu



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