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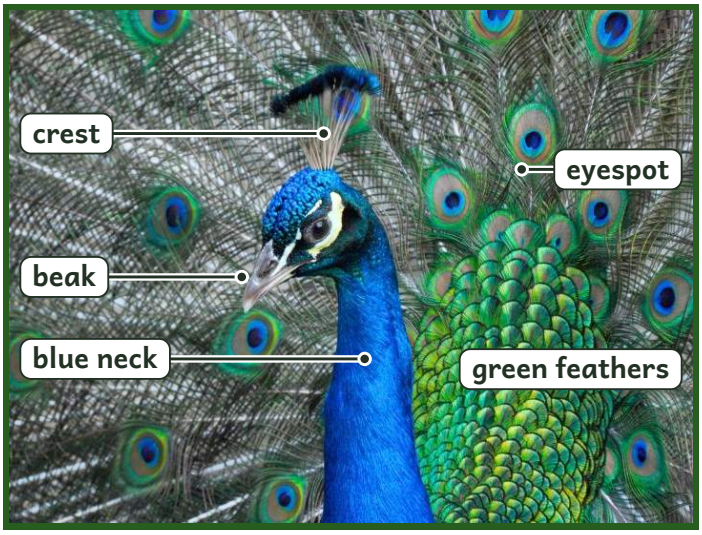
INDIAN PEAFOWL

Pavo cristatus

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A peacock with its fan open.

Its body

A male is *a* **peacock**.
A female is *a* **peahen**.
A peacock has *a* big fan.
Eyespots cover the fan.

Its home (habitat)

It comes from India.
It lives in forests *and* farmland.
Peafowl live *at* our zoo.



Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats seeds *and* berries.
It eats bugs *and* worms too.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is *a* **peachick**.
It hatches from *an* egg.
It can walk right *away*.
It follows its mother.

Fun facts

It can fly up into *a* tree.
It sleeps there *at* night.

Words to know

eyespot: *a* round mark like *an* eye
peachick: *a* baby peafowl
peacock: *a* male peafowl
peahen: *a* female peafowl

Talk about it

1. How is *a* peacock different from *a* peahen?
2. What can *a* peachick do right *away*?
3. Where do peafowl sleep *at* night?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/birds/peafowl/ · **Sources:** Animal Diversity Web; IUCN Red List (BirdLife International).
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A male peafowl is a peacock. **YES** **NO**
2. A peahen has a big fan. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby can walk right away. **YES** **NO**
4. Peafowl sleep in the water. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ fan
- ☐ blue neck
- ☐ beak
- ☐ eyespots
- ☐ crest
- ☐ peahen

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating walking flying

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a peacock with its fan open. Add eyespots.

Draw here

A peacock has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular indian peafowl sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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