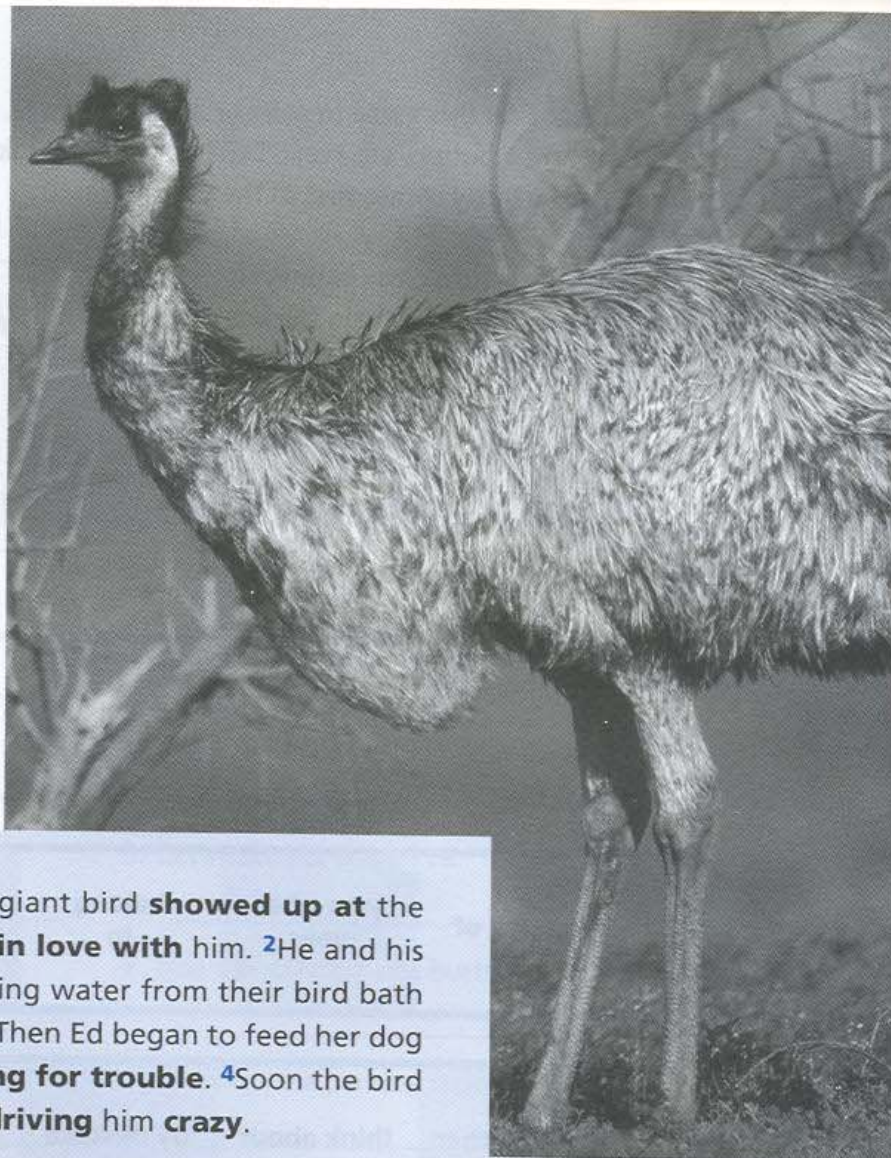


Emu Falls Madly in Love



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 51.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

MOBILE, AL, USA ¹One fall day, a giant bird **showed up at** the home of Ed Stuardi and **fell madly in love with** him. ²He and his wife first saw the six-foot emu drinking water from their bird bath and eating berries from their trees. ³Then Ed began to feed her dog food, not knowing that he was **asking for trouble**. ⁴Soon the bird was following Ed **all day long** and **driving** him **crazy**.

⁵Then things **went from bad to worse**. One day the bird ran toward Ed, making noises deep in her throat. Ed didn't realize these were mating calls. ⁶He **was scared stiff**. Smaller than the bird, Ed tried to **keep** her **away** with a stick.

⁷For two days, Ed didn't dare **go out of** his house. He called the police, but they said they couldn't **help** him **out**. They didn't have the equipment to catch the bird.

⁸Finally, Ed contacted the Animal Rescue Foundation, which **got involved** and caught the bird. Diane Roberts, director of the Foundation, explained the situation this way: "Mr. Stuardi was feeding her and it was mating season. So she had her heart set on this man. Hopefully she'll meet another fellow and forget about Mr. Stuardi. **After all**, he is a married man."

mating call: the noise made by an animal when it is looking for love

mating season: the time of year when animals make love

New idioms and expressions

fall madly in love (with someone)	begin to love (someone) very much
show up (at a place)*	arrive (somewhere); appear
ask for trouble	do something that will cause problems later
all day long	during the entire day
drive someone crazy	annoy or irritate someone
go from bad to worse	go from a bad situation to a very bad situation
be scared stiff (of someone or something)	be very afraid (of someone or something)
keep someone or something away*	make someone or something stay at a distance
go out (of a place)*	leave (a place)
help (someone) out*	be helpful (to someone)
get involved (with something)	become active or interested (in something)
after all	one must remember that; consider the fact that

recycled idiom: have one's heart set on

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.



4. Listen and Complete

Close your book. Listen to the story again. When the tape or your teacher pauses, try to complete the idiom.

5. Match

Complete the idioms using the words in the box. Then write the number of the matching definition.

crazy	stiff	all	trouble
up	involved	long	

___ a. be scared _____	1. annoy or irritate someone
___ b. all day _____	2. do something that will cause a problem
___ c. ask for _____	3. arrive; appear
___ d. drive someone _____	4. become active or interested
___ e. after _____	5. be very afraid
___ f. show _____	6. consider the fact that
___ g. get _____	7. during the entire day

6. Tell the Story

Look only at the pictures and the New Idioms box on page 51. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

7. Answer the Questions

About the story.....

- When did the bird show up at Ed's house?
- Why did she fall madly in love with Ed?
- What did she do that drove him crazy?
- When did things begin to go from bad to worse?
- How did Ed keep the emu away?
- What couldn't Ed do for two days?
- What did the police say when Ed called?
- Who finally got involved?

About you.....

- Do you have a pet? What kinds of problems does it cause? What do you love about it?
- Who or what drives you crazy? Why?
- Tell about a time when you were scared stiff.
- Who helps you out? Who do you help out?
- Is there a situation in the world right now that is going from bad to worse? Discuss your ideas with the class.

8. Take a Dictation

Listen to the tape or your teacher and write the dictation in your notebook.

9. Complete the Idioms



- a. Yasuko was scared _____ when she went _____ of her tent and saw a bear.

- b. Ravi was asking _____ when he started fixing his engine. He worked all day _____, but the leak just went from bad _____.



- c. Eva fell madly _____ Eli because of his sense of humor, but now it just drives her _____.



10. Look at Grammar

go out

go out of a place

She went out and got in her car.

She went out of the restaurant and got in her car.

Note: *Go out* and *go out of* mean *leave*. *Go out* can also mean *leave one's house for the purpose of entertainment*, as in *We went out last night and had a great time!* *Go out* is an intransitive phrasal verb. *Go out of* is transitive and inseparable. See Appendix D for more information on phrasal verbs.

help out

help out with something

help someone out with something

Jin's parents help out whenever they can.

Jin's parents help out with the baby whenever they can.

Jin's parents help her out with the baby whenever they can.

Note: *Help out* can be intransitive or transitive and separable. See Appendix D for more information on phrasal verbs.

fall madly in love

fall madly in love with someone

be madly in love

be madly in love with someone

Last summer, Esmeralda fell madly in love for the first time.

She fell madly in love with Diego and married him.

They're still madly in love.

They're still madly in love with each other.

Note: *Fall madly in love* is a stronger way of saying *fall in love*. A similar expression is *fall head over heels in love*. In these expressions *fall* means *begin*. *Be in love with someone* means *love someone very much*.

Complete the sentences with help from the grammar box above. Make sure they are true for you.

- I often help _____ out _____,
and _____ helps me _____.
- At the age of _____, I fell madly _____
_____.
- Before I go _____ my house/apartment, I always _____
_____.
- I _____ go _____ on weekends.

11. Write a Dialogue

Work with a partner. Write a dialogue using at least four idioms from the unit.
Act it out for the class.

12. Complete the story

- a. Fill in the blanks in this true story with idioms from the box. Put the verbs in the correct form and tense.

- after all
- go from bad to worse (v)
- help out (v)
- scared stiff
- ask for trouble (v)
- show up (v)

Gorilla Helps Police Out

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Running away* from police, Isaac Mofokeng tried to hide in the local zoo. He jumped over a low wall into one of the animal cages. He did not know it, but he was (1) _____. The pen belonged to Max the gorilla, who did not appreciate the unexpected visit.



"The first thing the gorilla did was rip my jeans and bite me," Mofokeng said later in court. The gorilla held Mofokeng against the wall. (2) _____, Mofokeng tried to shoot the gorilla with his pistol, but it was **in vain****.

Things (3) _____ for Mofokeng. "Max then dropped me into the water. He grabbed my leg and swung me around. I thought my last hour had come," he told the court. When the police finally (4) _____, **it's no wonder***** that Mofokeng was happy to see them.

Mofokeng is on trial for robbery and for shooting at a gorilla. Max, meanwhile, has become a local hero. (5) _____, he (6) _____ the police, without even asking for a day's wages.

* run away: try to escape

** in vain: without success

*** it's no wonder: it is not surprising

- b. Read or tell the story to a partner.