Bar-tailed Godwit Migration

Name: ANSWER KEY Date: _____

Vocabulary Words: Match the definition to each word.

1. The Bar-tailed Godwit migrates from __Alaska__ to New Zealand every year.
2. The bird flies about __7,000__ miles nonstop across the Pacific Ocean.
3. Before migrating, the Godwit gains __55%__ more weight to prepare for the journey.
4. The Godwit forms a special kind of __fat__ with almost no water to help it fly farther.
5. To save space and energy, the Godwit's internal __organs__ shrink during migration.

Word Bank: Alaska, 55%, fat, organs, 7,000

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. How long does the Bar-tailed Godwit's non-stop flight usually last?
   - A) 1-2 days
   - B) 5-7 days
   - C) 10-12 days
   - D) 2 weeks

2. Why do scientists find the Godwit's migration amazing?
   - A) It is the smallest bird in the world
   - B) It migrates during winter only
   - C) It can fly a long distance without stopping
   - D) It sleeps during the flight

3. What does the Godwit do to its internal organs before migration?
   - A) Enlarges them
   - B) Shrinks them
   - C) Changes their color
   - D) Removes them

4. What helps the Godwit store more energy for its flight?
   - A) Creating special fat
   - B) Growing longer wings
   - C) Drinking more water
   - D) Sleeping more

Discussion & Reflection: Answer the following questions in complete sentences

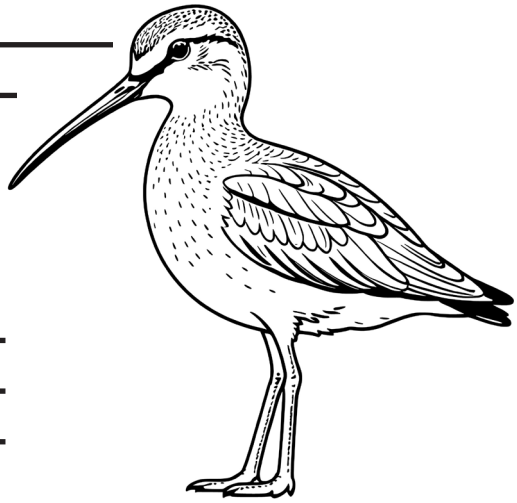
1.Why is it important for the Bar-tailed Godwit to gain weight before migrating?

It is important for the Bar-tailed Godwit to gain weight before migrating so it has enough energy to complete the long, nonstop flight across the ocean.

2.What do you find most interesting about the Bar-tailed Godwit's migration and why?

Answers will vary. Example: I find it most interesting that the Godwit can fly 7,000 miles without stopping because that is a huge distance for any animal to travel in one trip.

3. This shows me that God is (Circle the word):

Wise Powerful Caring Creative All of the above

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