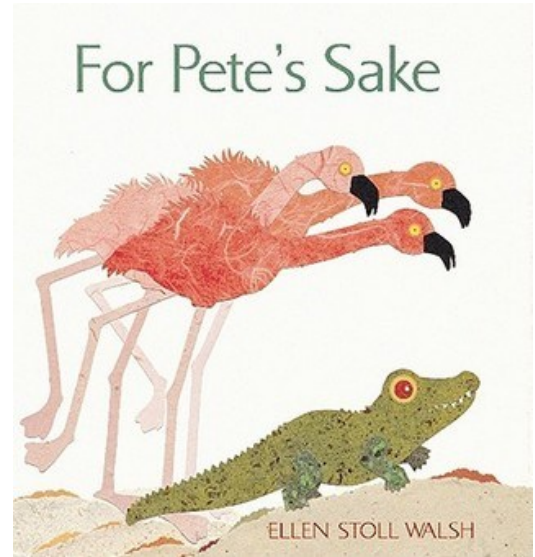




# Read & Draw



Featuring *For Pete's Sake* by Ellen Stoll Walsh

**Draw It:** Use the enclosed directions to draw an alligator. Make sure you have a pencil with a good eraser!

**Connect It:** Connect the dots on the enclosed activity sheet to finish the flamingo drawing.

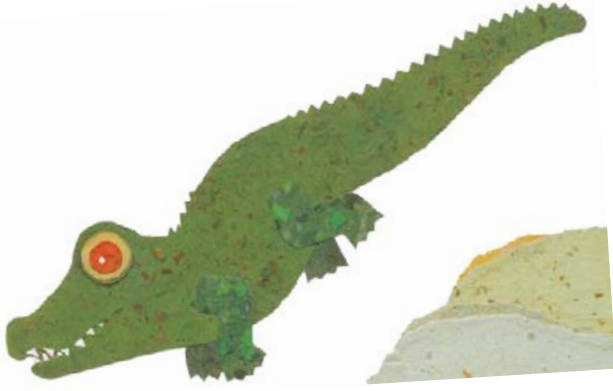
**Read it:** Other titles available in print and/or online through the Gaston County Public Library:

**Facts about Alligators and Flamingos:**

- Flamingo Sunset* by Jonathan London
- Wild Flamingos* by Bruce McMillan
- Alligators and Crocodiles* by Erik D. Stoops
- Outside and Inside Alligators* by Sandra Markle
- Alligators Are Not Pets* by Mark Harasymiw

**Books with similar illustrations:**

- Balancing Act* By Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
- Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp* by Denise Fleming
- Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert
- Eric Carle's Dragons and Other Creatures That Never Were*
- This is the House that Jack Built* by Simms Taback



**Share it:** Share some of these jokes about alligators and flamingos with your family and friends. Were they funny?

1. What do you call an alligator in a vest?  
(investigator)
2. What is an alligator's favorite drink?  
(Gatorade)
3. What do you call an alligator that uses Google Maps?  
(navigator)
4. What game do flamingos like to play?  
(fla-bingo)
5. What soccer position does a flamingo play?  
(flamin-goalie)
6. What's the opposite of a flamingo?  
(a flaming-stop)

**Try It:** Flamingos have some interesting habits which make them interesting animals. Try these habits to see if you would make a good flamingo!

- 1) Stand on one leg and close your eyes. Flamingos stand on one leg and tuck their heads in when they rest. How long were you able to stand on one leg? Were you able to stand on one leg with your eyes closed?
- 2) Flamingos don't have teeth. Would you be able to swallow your food without chewing? To try this, use soft foods such as: scrambled eggs, small cooked pasta, applesauce. (Try this one with an adult around- we don't want you to choke!)
- 3) Flamingos make a nest for an egg out of mud to keep it above water. Male and female flamingos take turns sitting on the egg before it hatches. If you have a small stuffed animal at home, try sitting on it for an hour. Were you able to sit on it that long? Was it comfortable?



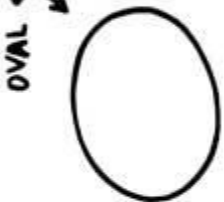
**REMEMBER! WHEN DRAWING A CHALLENGING SUBJECT, ALWAYS BREAK IT DOWN INTO BASIC SHAPES!**

NOTICE HOW ONE END IS BIGGER THAN THE OTHER?



SEE HOW THE END OF THE SHAPE TOUCHES THE BOTTOM OF THE OVAL?

START WITH AN OVAL



3.



4.

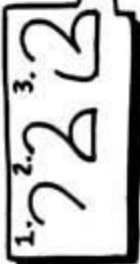
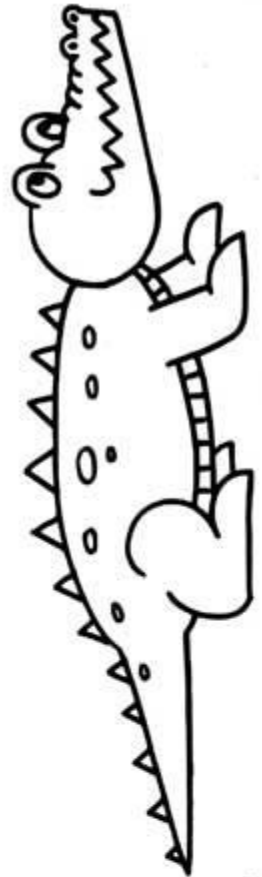
5. A LONG OVAL BODY!



6.



USE THE HALF CIRCLE SHAPE TO HELP YOU DRAW THE FEET



# Flamingo Connect the Dots

