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## Theme Based Study Sheet

### Cockatoo facts

Cockatoos are related to parrots and are recognizable by their showy crests and curved bills.

They have two toes forward and two toes backward which help them grab onto branches.

They are found primarily in Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia, Philippines as well as some areas of the South Pacific.

Cockatoos are extremely intelligent birds with sociable personalities. Cockatoos can learn to repeat some words and sounds.

Cockatoos are one of the few parrots to use tools. They have been seen clipping small sticks of wood and then scratching themselves. Also, during courtship, they will hold a stick and beat them against hollow logs.

Cockatoos mate for life.

Do you know any more interesting facts about cockatoos?



### Drawing

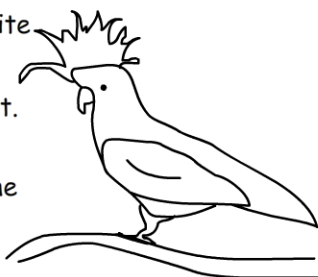
**Major Mitchell's Cockatoo** - white and salmon-pink plumage and a large, bright red and yellow crest.

**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo** - plumage is overall white, while the underwing and tail are tinged yellow. The crest is yellow and the bill is black.

**Galah or Rose-Breasted Cockatoo** - pale gray to mid-gray back, pink face and chest, and a light pink crest. The beak is bone-colored.

**Red-tailed Black Cockatoo** - males are black, except for red tail bands. The slightly smaller females are brownish-black with yellow barring and spotting and have yellow-orange tail stripes.

Draw one of these cockatoos illustrating the correct plumage and crest colors.



### Writing a narrative

There are many Australian myths and legends, including Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, that are associated with the cockatoo.

Write your own "legend" (story) about: "How the Cockatoo got its Crest".

Plan your story first.

Who is in the story? (characters)

Where does the story take place? (setting)

What happens to start the events? (complication)

What happens next? (sequence of events)

How does the story end? (resolution)

Draw pictures to illustrate your story.

### Number Crunchers

Four students counted cockatoos in a local nature reserve. Here is their tally sheet.

Nicky					
Amy					
Jon					
Ahmed					

Who counted the most cockatoos?

How many cockatoos did Jon count?

How many more cockatoos did Ahmed count than Amy?

What was the total number of cockatoos counted by the four students?



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