



Writing genre: Writing an explanation

An **explanation** text tells us why or how something happens.
An explanation text has:

- A title asking a question
- An explanation of how or why something happens
- Steps that explain the answer to the question

Use the words below to complete the sentences.

because

paddles

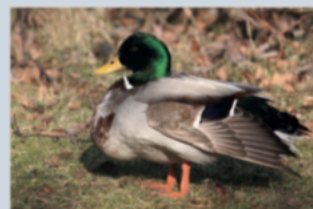
webbing

water

spread

Why do ducks have webbed feet?

Ducks have webbed feet to help them move easily through _____.



As it swims, a duck pulls its feet backwards through the water. Its toes _____ apart and the _____ between the toes spreads out so the duck can use its feet like _____ to push against the water.

Webbed feet are also useful on land _____ they help ducks to walk on mud.



Oral language: Giving an explanation

Why do monkeys have long tails?

1. Work out the answer to this question using the picture and the words.
2. In pairs, take turns to explain the answer. Try to use the words 'because' and 'so'.



balance

swing from branches

keep hands and legs free