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Today, we are going to learn about the dance of the pelicans. _____Animal - plural_____ are a complex _____Animal - plural_____, not so _____Adjective_____ as one might think. Once hatched, they _____Verb Base Form_____ at a rapid rate, reaching maturity at the ripe old age of _____Number_____ days. They then leave the _____Noun_____ and become a _____Adjective_____ bird until they are of age to seek a partner. It is not, as with other birds, a case of _____Adjective_____ at first sight. The _____Animal - Plural_____ are unique among other species of birds in that they _____Verb Base Form_____ in a complicated and precise courtship with the female taking the lead in all of the decision making. One incorrect step, and she will either _____Verb Base Form_____ the male to death or _____Verb Base Form_____ his wing so that he is unable to _____Verb Base Form_____. Female pelicans are _____Adjective_____, but this is not without reason. They must be selective when choosing their mates because a male pelican's _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ skills are directly proportional to his ability to produce genetically sound offspring. Female pelicans are born with this _____Noun_____ embedded in their DNA _____Noun_____ will accept nothing less than perfection from perspective mates. The _____Noun_____ of the pelicans has rarely been observed by humans, but it typically begins with the male _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ in rapid circles of decreasing size around the female, who is perched high on a tree _____Noun_____. If his _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ impresses her, she will produce a deep throated "Caw caw" that will let the male know he has made it onto step _____Number_____ Next in this lovely _____Noun_____, the female executes a complex series of _____Noun_____ and _____Noun_____ that the male must replicate perfectly, lest she attack him and knock him to the _____Noun_____. If he is able to successfully mimic her _____Noun_____, she will let him know with a deep-chested rumbling "coocoocoo," after which he must _____Verb Base Form_____

deeply. The final step in this _____Noun_____ is much like a romantic scavenger _____Noun_____ - by _____Adjective_____ standards of course. The female bird collects a complicated assortment of _____Noun Plural_____, _____Noun Plural_____, and _____Noun Plural_____ and combines them in the beginnings of a _____Noun_____. The male must then collect similar _____Noun Plural_____ that pass her inspection in terms of size, shape, and quality. She will _____Verb Base Form_____ aggressively if he _____Verb Base Form_____ an item that is not to her standards, but will typically give him _____Number_____ strikes before she begins _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ him. If the suitor is _____Adjective_____, she will settle down into the _____Adjective_____ family _____Noun_____ and beckon him forth with a purring cooing bay. She will then allow him to _____Verb Base Form_____ beside her in the _____Noun_____ until feeding time.

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