

Speaking

- a. Look at the following text. Read it to yourself. When you feel happy that you know how to say the words, read it aloud:

Albatrosses have been used to detect illegal fishing in the Indian Ocean in a pioneering study by researchers at France's National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). **Illegal** fishing is estimated to cost 19.5 billion euros a year globally, but satellite monitoring of boats can be slow, costly and **inaccurate**.

The team strapped 169 wandering albatrosses with sensors that detect a boat's radar. The sensors can then confirm whether the boat's transponder, which enables authorities to track the vessel, is switched on. Transponders are often **switched** off during illegal fishing.

CNRS team leader Henri Weimerskirch says albatrosses make ideal trackers: "They are large birds, they travel over huge distances and they are very attracted to fishing vessels."

Over a six-month period roughly a third of vessels **detected** in the Southern Indian Ocean were not broadcasting their whereabouts, the research found. Weimerskirch says this cheap form of **surveillance** could complement satellite monitoring. "We have shown it is possible," he says.

- b. Now look at this image. Tell me as much as you can about the picture:

