

Reading Comprehension Penguins

Read the information on the next page and answer the questions.

1. Complete the table by putting a ✓ in the correct places.

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Emperor				
Snares				
Adelie				
Little				

2. What do penguins use their wings for?

3. What is the name of the biggest penguin?

4. What adjective is used to describe an Adelie penguin's tail?

5. Why do you think the writer has put the information in boxes?

6. Do you think all penguins lay eggs?

Penguins

Penguins live in hot and cold places. They have wings but they cannot fly. They use their wings to swim. There are 17 different sorts of penguin.



This is an Emperor penguin. It is the biggest. They live in a very cold place. It is called Antarctica. They catch fish from the sea to eat.



This is a Snares penguin. They live on a hot island. The female penguin lays 2 eggs in a nest. The first one is a lot smaller than the second one.



This is an Adelie penguin. They have long tails. The female penguin lays her eggs in a nest of pebbles and moss. They live close to sea ice.



This is a Little penguin. It is the smallest penguin. It lives in a hot place. They like to make a hole in the ground to lay their eggs.

English – Guided Reading – Penguins

Children should read the text and answer the questions explaining, where possible, how they know the answer. Children may find it easier to read the text first and discuss what it is about and what is happening and then answer the questions.

Note: In this text, the é has been purposefully removed from the Adélie penguin's name due to pupils' unfamiliarity with this letter.

The answers to the questions are given below.

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Penguin	Builds a nest	Lives in a cold place	Lives in a hot place	Digs a hole
Emperor		✓		
Snares	✓		✓	
Adelie	✓	✓		
Little			✓	✓

2. What do penguins use their wings for?

To swim

3. What is the name of the biggest penguin?

Emperor penguin

4. What adjective is used to describe an Adelie's penguin tail?

Long

5. Why do you think the writer has put the information in boxes?

To make the information clear and easier to read.

6. Do you think all penguins lay eggs?

Yes – they are birds.