Penguins

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Nonfiction | 82 words | Key details and new words

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. Penguins are birds, but they cannot fly. Their wings are shaped like **flippers.** Penguins use them to swim fast in the sea.

2. Penguins eat fish and other small sea animals. They **dive** under the water to catch their food.

3. Many penguins live where it is very cold. They have thick feathers and a **layer** of fat to keep warm. Some penguins slide on their bellies across the ice.

4. A few kinds of penguins live in warmer places, like beaches in South Africa.

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Penguins: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What do penguins use their wings for?

(a) digging (b) flying (c) swimming

2. What do penguins eat?

(a) fish and small sea animals
(b) leaves and grass
(c) seeds

3. What keeps penguins warm?

(a) their long tails (b) a warm nest (c) thick feathers and fat

2 True or false? Circle one.

Penguins are birds.	True	False
Penguins fly high in the sky.	True	False
Some penguins slide on their bellies.	True	False

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Penguins: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

flippers	○	○ one level of something
dive	○	○ go into water head first
layer	○	○ flat arms for swimming

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Name two ways penguins stay warm.

3 Draw and label something you learned.

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Answer key: Penguins

1 Circle the best answer

1. c) swimming
2. a) fish and small sea animals
3. c) thick feathers and fat

2 True or false

True: Penguins are birds.

False: Penguins fly high in the sky.

True: Some penguins slide on their bellies.

3 Word meanings

flippers: flat arms for swimming

dive: go into water head first

layer: one level of something

4 Written answer (sample)

They have thick feathers and a layer of fat.

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