1ST GRADE READING · NONFICTION

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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