

# All About



# Penguins

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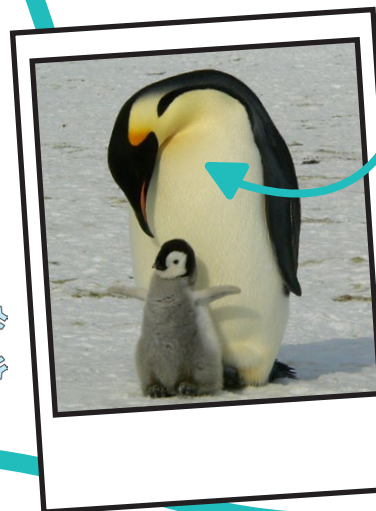
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Penguins eat fish and other small sea animals.

Almost all penguins live in the southern half of the world.



emperor penguin



rockhopper penguin

# Questions

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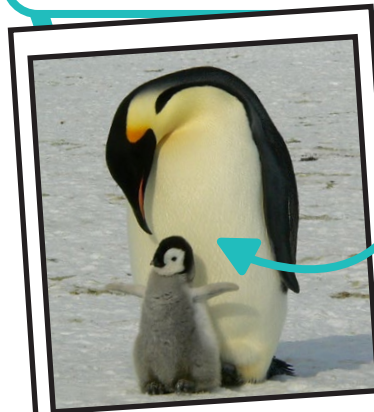
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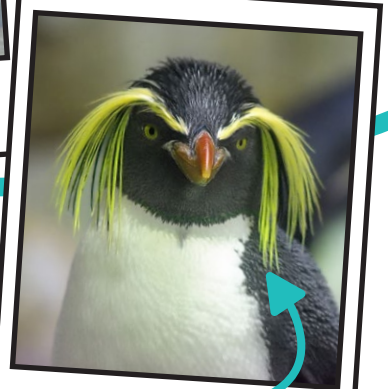
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## What Do Penguins Look Like?

Most penguins have black and white feathers. They have a white front and a black back. Some penguins have yellow or orange feathers around their heads. Some have plumes of feathers that stick out from the side of their heads.



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## Did You Know...?

Penguins can't fly. Their wings are called flippers.



## Super Swimmers

All penguins are super swimmers and divers. They have flippers and webbed feet to help them swim well. The toes on webbed feet are joined together with a thin piece of skin.

## How Do Penguins Move on Land?

Penguins can walk on land. The way they move on land is called a waddle. Some penguins can jump and hop and some slide on their fronts in the snow. This is called tobogganing.

## Fun Fact

A group of swimming penguins is called a raft.



# Questions

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- ☐ Penguins lay eggs.
- ☐ Penguins are birds.
- ☐ Penguins eat fish.

2. Draw **three** lines to complete each sentence.

The smallest kind of penguin is the...

little or fairy penguin.

A blue penguin is also known as a...

emperor penguin.

The biggest kind of penguin is the...

blue penguin.

3. Find and copy one word which means a group of swimming penguins.

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4. Fill in the missing word.

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**raft**

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Penguins are birds. They lay eggs and baby penguins are called chicks. Penguins eat fish, squid, krill and other small sea creatures.

Almost all penguins live in the southern hemisphere. This is the southern half of the Earth.

## What Do Penguins Look Like?

Most penguins have mainly black and white feathers. They have a white front and a black back. This colouring makes it difficult for **predators** to see them when they are swimming. Their dark backs blend in with the water when seen by predators from above. Their white fronts blend in with the sky when seen by predators from below.

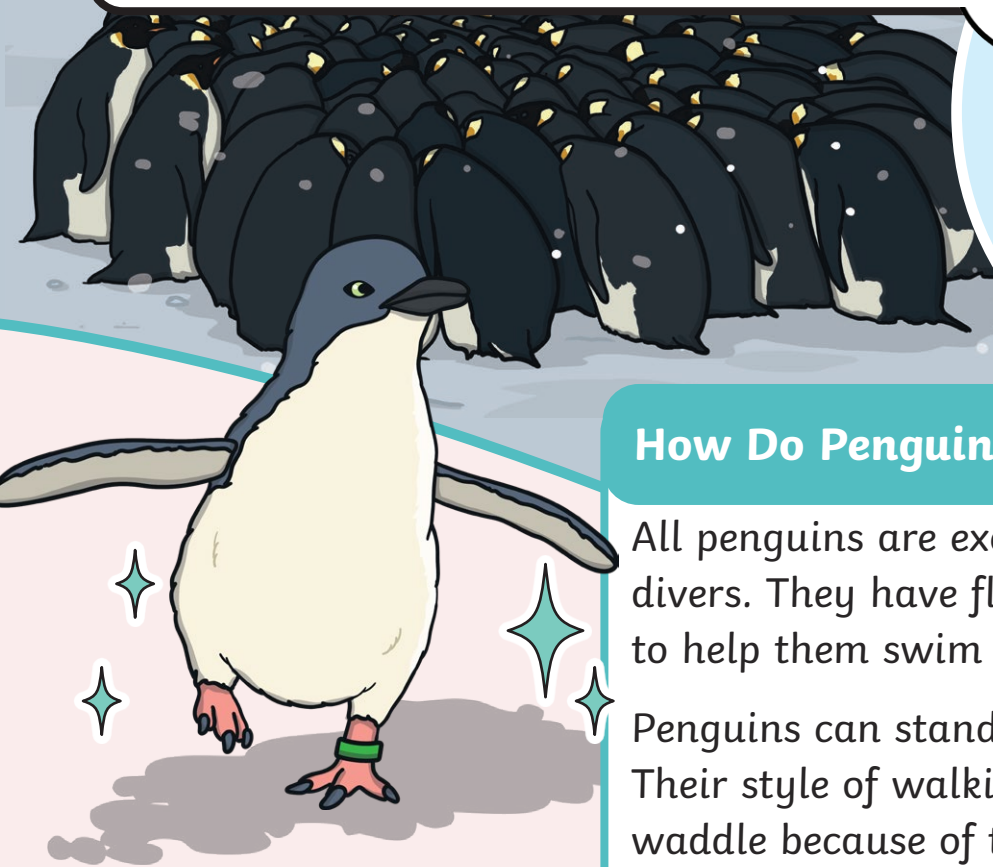
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## Did You Know...?

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## How Do Penguins Move?

All penguins are excellent swimmers and divers. They have flippers and **webbed feet** to help them swim quickly.

Penguins can stand up and walk on land. Their style of walking is described as a waddle because of the way they move. Some penguins can also jump and hop and some can slide on their fronts in the snow. This is called tobogganing.

## Fun Facts

- A group of penguins on land can be called a colony, a rookery or a huddle.
- A group of walking penguins is called a waddle.
- A group of swimming penguins is called a raft.



## Glossary

**predator:** This is an animal that hunts other animals for food.

**webbed feet:** Webbed feet have toes that are joined together with a thin piece of skin.

# Questions

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- ☐ A penguin's wings are called flippers.
- ☒ 1 Baby penguins are called chicks.
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**tobogganing**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: Do penguins build nests like other birds?**