

Read about penguins.

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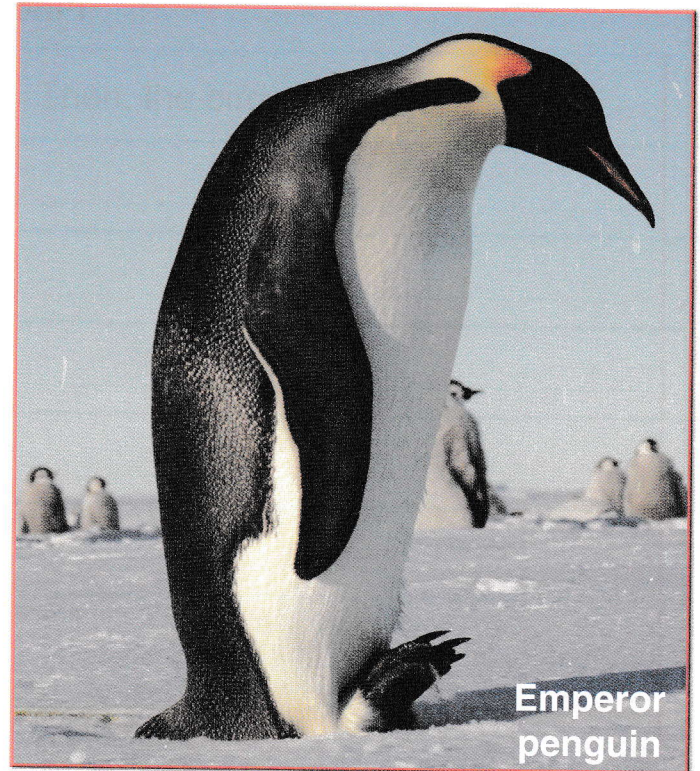
Penguins are birds. They have wings but they do not fly! They use their wings to swim. A penguin's wings are called flippers. Penguins spend a lot of time in the water looking for fish to eat. They have long beaks that they use for catching fish. Most penguins dive into the water. The rockhopper penguin likes to go in feet first!

Most penguins have black and white feathers. Their feathers keep them warm. A penguin's back is black and its front is white. They have very short legs and their feet have sharp claws. They walk slowly but they can slide along the ice on their fronts.

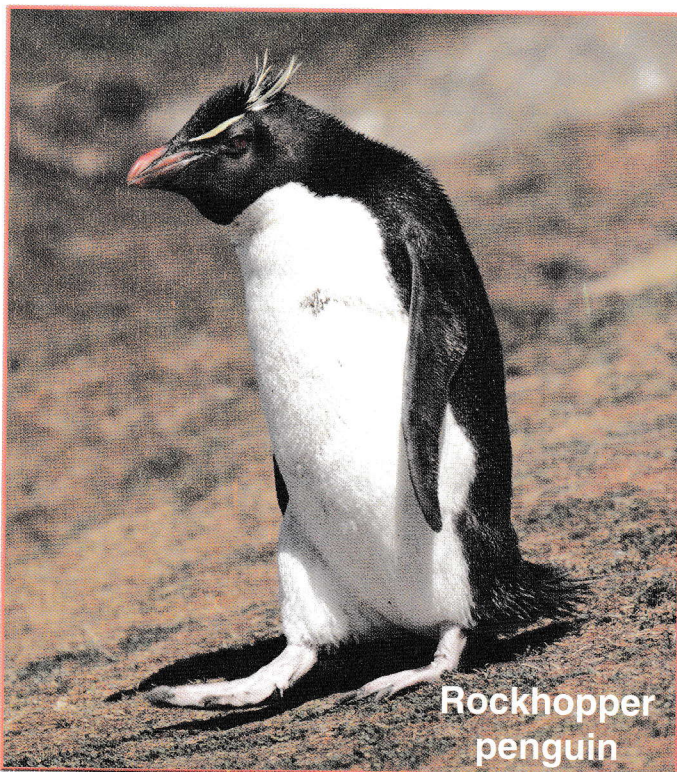
The biggest penguin is called the emperor penguin. It lives in a very cold place called the Antarctic. The emperor penguin is about a metre tall. It can stay under the water for about 20 minutes.

King penguins are the second biggest type of penguin. They live in the Antarctic too. They have four coats of feathers to keep them warm!

The smallest penguin is called the fairy penguin. This penguin is about half a metre tall. It is found in Australia and New Zealand. Fairy penguins are dark blue in colour with pink feet and black beaks. Just like the other penguins, fairy penguins are great swimmers but they do not fly.



Emperor penguin



Rockhopper penguin

Try these activities.

A. Answer the questions.

1. What do penguins use their wings for? _____

2. How do penguins catch fish? _____

3. Where do fairy penguins live? _____

4. How tall is the emperor penguin? _____

5. What other types of penguin are in this story? _____

6. How do penguins get into the water? _____

7. Which penguin do you like best? Why? _____

B. True (✓) or False (X)?

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| 1. Penguins have feathers. <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Penguins like fish. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Penguins have small beaks. <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Fairy penguins have pink feet. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Penguins have sharp claws. <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Penguins have short legs. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Penguins can fly. <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. The biggest penguin is the king penguin. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Penguins are good at fishing. <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6. A penguin's back is white. <input type="checkbox"/> | |

