

Alpha Level 4

Penguins



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Word Study

A Write the word for each picture.

beak flipper grasp lay eggs leave prey spiny webbed



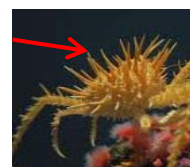
webbed



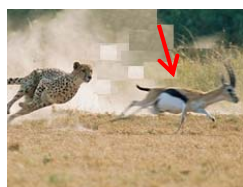
flipper



grasp



spiny



prey



leave



lay eggs



beak

B Complete the sentence using words in the box.

hatch prey smooth steer waterproof

- 1) Penguins' thick feathers are waterproof.
not getting wet
- 2) Penguins have strong, smooth bodies.
not rough
- 3) Penguins use their webbed feet to steer as they swim.
control directions where to go
- 4) Penguins hard, spiny tongue helps them to hold their prey.
animals caught by hunters
- 5) After the eggs hatch, she brings food from the sea.
break an egg and come out of it

Word Study

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

as every help keep only to

- 1) Penguins only leave the sea to lay eggs and look after their chicks.
- 2) Blubber helps keep penguins **warm** in the cold sea.
- 3) Penguins leap out of the water for a breath once every minute.
- 4) Penguins **need** to eat a lot of food because they swim so much.
- 5) Some penguins can dive as deep as 800 feet (250m).
- 6) Penguins' hard, spiny tongue helps them to hold their prey.

D Write your own sentences using the pattern.

'As' connects 'two clauses' and means 'happening at the same time'.

Penguins use their webbed feet to steer **as** they swim.

⇒ Penguins use their webbed feet to steer **when** they swim.

- 1) I listen to music and I ride a bike at the same time.
⇒ I listen to music as I ride a bike.
- 2) Alice is reading and she is eating ice cream at the same time.
⇒ Alice is reading as she is eating ice cream.
- 3) My family talk a lot and we eat dinner at the same time.
⇒ My family talk a lot as we eat dinner.
- 4) I laugh and clap my hands and I hear a story at the same time.
⇒ I laugh and clap my hands as I hear a story.

Comprehension

A Answer the following questions.

1. What is the story about?
 - a) Penguins' body
 - b) What penguins do at sea
 - c) What penguins do on land
 - d) All about penguins
2. When do penguins leave the sea? (pp. 4~5)
 - a) When they lay eggs and look after the chicks.
 - b) When they hunt for food.
 - c) They never leave.
3. How do they use their wings? (pg.9)
 - a) They can fly with their wings.
 - b) They rub wings to stay warm when it's cold.
 - c) They use them as flippers.
4. How long do they hold breath in the water? (pg.9)
 - a) For a minute
 - b) For 10 minutes
 - c) They never breathe.
5. Why do penguins eat a lot? (pg.10)
 - a) Because they are big.
 - b) Because they swim a lot.
 - c) Because they don't often hunt.

B Read and mark the right answer and write it in the blank.

6. Penguins leave the sea to lay eggs and look after their chicks.
go to / leave
7. Penguins have strong, smooth bodies to move easily through water.
smooth / rough
8. Penguins use their webbed feet to steer as they swim.
steer / kick
9. Some penguins can dive as deep as 800 feet (250m).
long / deep
10. The male keeps the eggs safe and warm on the top of feet.
male / female

Comprehension

C Write the facts about penguins

Penguins at Sea

- live most of time at sea
- good swimmer and diver
- can dive as deep as 250 m
- hunt fish, squid and krill

Penguins on Land

- only stay on land to lay eggs
and look after the chicks

Body of Penguins

- strong and smooth body
- thick and waterproof feather
- stay warm thanks to blubber
- use wings like flippers
- use webbed feet to steer
- hard and spiny tongue



blubber diver fish krill squid swimmer wings
deep smooth spiny waterproof webbed lay eggs

D Look at the organizers above and complete the interview with Peter.

<An interview with Peter, a penguin>



Tell us about you, Peter, please.

Where do you usually live?



I usually live at sea.



Oh! Can you swim well?



Of course! I am a good swimmer and a diver.



Aren't you cold in the cold water?



No problem! I have waterproof feather and thick blubber.



Do you ever get out water?



Yes, I do when we lay eggs and look after the babies.



Thank you! I learned a lot!

Hello!
I'm Peter!

