

All About Penguins

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gentoo penguin
& chick

Penguins are a group of birds. Some can live in the cold of Antarctica. They gather in flocks to stay warm. They cannot fly but use their wings to swim. They have smooth waterproof black and white feathers used for camouflage. They live half on land and half in the sea. On land, penguins use their tails and wings to balance when standing. They can waddle on their feet or slide on their bellies called

tobogganing. Penguins can swim fast, up to 17 mph. Larger penguins can dive up to almost 2,000 feet for over 20 minutes under the water. Most penguins eat krill, fish, and squid. Some penguins build a nest and others keep their eggs warm in a brooding pouch on their feet. Both parents help with eggs and chicks. Chicks eat regurgitated fish and krill. The chicks leave their parents when they are large enough to stay warm and then form a crèche with other chicks. They grow their adult feathers and are fully grown at 2-3 months.



emperor
penguin & chick

Name _____

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks
with penguin vocabulary words.

Penguin Vocabulary

crèche	toboggan	brooding
flocks	krill	chick
camouflage	squid	regurgitating

Penguins gather in _____ to stay warm.

They eat fish, _____, and _____.

Their black and white feathers _____
them from predators both above and below the water.

The female emperor penguin lays an egg and gives it to the male to
keep warm on his feet in his _____ pouch.

A baby penguin is called a _____.

It gathers with other chicks in a _____.

Parents feed their chicks by _____
food and putting it into their mouths.

On land, penguins can waddle but will _____
across the snow and ice to move faster.