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1. Antarctica is a _____ area with a cold climate, so not many species of plants, animals, or birds can survive there.
2. Penguins are generous and _____ birds; both parents take turns looking after the young chicks, and they even take care of any orphaned chicks in their colony.
3. A landslide or a flood can not only be _____ for nesting penguins, but also for the entire _____ of Antarctica.
4. Penguins are _____ birds that travel great distances every year, even though they cannot fly.
5. Most species of seal in Antarctica feed on krill, squid, and fish. The leopard seal, however, can be a _____ predator, eating penguins and even other seals.



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6. Penguins will often approach the edge of a cliff and _____ several times before actually jumping into the icy waters below.
7. During their _____ to Antarctica each spring, penguins rely on their fat _____ for energy as they swim hundreds of miles through freezing water.
8. When the baby penguins finally break out of their shells, the penguin colony begins to _____ with life.
9. Penguins generally have a playful and curious _____ unless their nests and babies are under attack.
10. Unlike the Arctic, few _____ animals live in Antarctica, which makes it a more hospitable area for penguins to breed and raise their young.
11. On land, penguins waddle and look very _____, but in the water, they move swiftly and gracefully.

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