

Reading Practice “Endangered Animal”

Read and underline new words

Penguins

Penguins are birds, although they cannot fly. They are excellent swimmers because of their body shape and their wings, called flippers. They can dive deep into the sea to find prey. They eat krill, which are tiny sea animals, fish and squid. Their beaks are sharp, which helps them to catch prey, but also to fight.

Penguin feathers are black on their backs and white on their fronts – in this way, they are camouflaged from their predators when they are swimming. Underwater predators like seals and sharks cannot see them very well against the light surface of the water. Flying predators like eagles find them difficult to see from the top against the dark ocean.

There are different species of penguins living in different areas of the world, but almost all of them live in the southern hemisphere. Most penguin species have an extremely cold and icy habitat – they are one of the few animals that live in Antarctica.

Like polar bears, penguins are becoming rare. This is partly due to climate change, but also due to water pollution killing their prey and oil spills from large ships. Other human activities are resulting in fewer penguins, including accidents with fishing nets, and people collecting too many of their eggs. We must act carefully now to save penguins from becoming endangered.



Activity 2: Read and write True/ False. Underline the key words.

0. The penguin's wings are called slippers. False
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1. Their beaks are sharp to fight the predators and catch preys.
2. Penguins can also camouflage when they're walking on the ice.
3. Most of the penguins live in the northern hemisphere.
4. Because of climate change and water pollution, penguins are becoming rare.
5. People no longer collect eggs of the penguins.
6. People have to save penguins from becoming endangered.