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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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