

Read the definitions and complete the sentences below with appropriate words

Definitions	Sentences
affectionate: warm and caring; showing feelings of love	1. Antarctica is a _____ area with a cold climate, so not many species of plants, animals, or birds can survive there.
awkward: not graceful in movement; clumsy	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.
catastrophic: causing disaster and destruction	3. A landslide or a flood can not only be _____ for nesting penguins, but also for the entire _____ of Antarctica.
desolate: without people, plants, and animals; lonely and empty	4. Penguins are _____ birds that travel great distances every year, even though they cannot fly.
disposition: a person or animal's normal mood or character	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.
ecosystem: all living things that share a particular environment	6. Penguins will often approach the edge of a cliff and _____ several times before actually jumping into the icy waters below.
ferocious: violent and threatening	7. During their _____ to Antarctica each spring, penguins rely on their fat _____ for energy as they swim hundreds of miles through freezing water.
migratory: seasonally moving from one place to another	8. When the baby penguins finally break out of their shells, the penguin colony begins to _____ with life.
pilgrimage: a journey to an important place	9. Penguins generally have a playful and curious _____ unless their nests and babies are under attack.
predatory: living by hunting other animals for food	10. Unlike the Arctic, few _____ animals live in Antarctica, which makes it a more hospitable area for penguins to breed and raise their young.
reserves: something that is stored for use in the future	11. On land, penguins waddle and look very _____, but in the water, they move swiftly and gracefully.
retreat: to move back in order to avoid danger	
teem: to be filled with activity	





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Pragmatic understanding Answer the following questions. Listen to the extracts from the lecture to get your answers.

1. Listen again to part of the lecture.

Why does the professor say, "Did I say bird?"

- A because he thinks he made a mistake in the pronunciation of the word
- B because he wants to make sure that the students understand this word
- C because he is calling attention to the fact that the penguin is a very unusual bird
- D because penguins are not really birds

2. Listen again to part of the lecture.

What is the professor's opinion about the penguins' choice of a home site?

- A He thinks that they will not survive because it is too cold.
- B He thinks it is amusing that they nest on "beachfront property" that might be very attractive to people if only it wasn't so cold.
- C He thinks that mating and raising babies on an ice dome is dangerous.
- D He thinks that the domestic life of penguins is strange.

3. Listen again to part of the lecture.

What does the professor imply about the "hooligan" penguins?

- A The hooligan birds are a serious threat to the other penguins in the colony.
- B The hooligan birds do not find mates because of their behavior.
- C The hooligan birds are no longer welcome in the colony and must leave.
- D The hooligan birds feel left out and seem to be jealous.

4. Listen again to part of the lecture.

Why does the professor mention the movie Jaws?

- A to take a break from the main topic
- B to explain how the sea leopard kills penguins
- C to explain the similarities between sharks and sea leopards
- D to help them picture the sea leopard by comparing it to something else they may already know about

5. Listen again to part of the lecture.

Why does the student say, "Hear that, you guys?"

- A to suggest that male penguins help out more with the children than some men do
- B to point out that some of the students are not listening and may be missing something important
- C to find out if anyone else heard a strange noise in the auditorium
- D to make sure that everyone can hear the professor

