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Read the text

Penguin

Penguins are birds. They can swim but cannot fly. These black and white seabirds move about very easily in the water. On land, they stand upright and waddle about.

There are 18 species, or type of penguins. They are found mainly in the southern half of the world. Many types are found in the cold regions of Antarctica or nearby islands. Penguins also live along the cool coasts of Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and South America. The Galapagos penguin lives in a warm region off the coast of Ecuador.

A penguin typically has a black back and a white belly. Different types range in height from about 36 – 114 centimeters. The largest type is the emperor penguin, which weighs about 36 kilograms.

Penguins are excellent swimmers and divers. They can swim faster than 40 kilometers per hour. Penguins use their short, paddlelike wings as flippers for swimming. Their feet are webbed, and their bodies are shaped like torpedoes. Penguins have short legs, but they can run quickly. To travel over ice and snow, a penguin may slide on its belly.

A penguin is covered nearly all over with short feathers. The feathers keep water out and trap warm air against the skin. A thick layer of fat also protects this bird from the cold.

Penguins dive after small sea animals to eat. Different types eat small fishes, squid, and shrimplike animals called krill.

Penguins breed in large groups called nesting colonies. Some types travel long distances to reach their nesting colonies. They may return to the same nesting place year after year.

Match the word with its meaning

Waddle (v)

Torpedo (n)

Krill (n)

Flippers (n)

Propel (v)

The streamlined shape of a penguin's body, which helps it move fast through water.

Tiny, shrimplike crustaceans that live in the ocean.

To walk with short steps, swinging the body from side to side.

To drive or push something forward.

The broad, flat limbs used for swimming by sea animals

PENGUIN

TRUE OR FALSE

Directions:
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TRUE

FALSE

Penguins are birds that can fly and swim.

Penguins only eat fish.

Penguins are mainly found in the northern half of the world.

Penguins have thick feathers but no layer of fat to protect them from the cold.

Penguins use their paddlelike wings for swimming.

Penguins breed in large groups called nesting colonies.