

Vocabulary Listen to the following words in bold which appear in the lecture. Read the definitions and complete the sentences with the appropriate words. Then compare your answers with a partner.

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	

