A PENGUIN'S YEAR

A Emperor penguins are the largest penguins on Earth. Each **adult** is over a meter tall, and can **weigh** up to 40 kilograms.

B For many months each year, emperors live near the sea in large groups. However, the weather gets colder in May, and ice covers large areas of ocean. Each group moves many kilometers from the water. There, each mother penguin lays just a single egg. Then all the hungry mothers walk back to the ocean to find food. The father penguins put their eggs on top of their feet. They cover the eggs with a special piece of **skin** called the *brood pouch*.

Sharing the Work

C For two months, the father penguins protect the eggs and keep them warm. They do this through some of the coldest weather conditions on Earth. By July, it is winter in Antarctica. Most other animals leave for warmer places, but the father penguins stay.



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New Life

D By August, each mother penguin returns just in time to see her baby hatch.[1] The chick[2] is then moved to her brood pouch. This can be difficult. If the chick falls, it can **freeze** quickly. The penguin **parents** must be very **careful**. Once the chick has been moved, the father penguin can go back to the ocean to find food.

Growing Up

E Over the next few months, penguin parents take turns[3] going to the ocean for food. They each make the trip several times, bringing back food for the chick. The chick is always hungry and grows rapidly.

Into the Water

F By December, winter is ending. The chick can now live **on its own**. Soon it **enters** the water for the first time. It will swim and eat until next April, and then return. After a few more years, it, too, will start its own family.

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1 If a baby animal **hatches**, it comes out of an egg.
2 A **chick** is a baby bird.
3 If two people **take turns** doing something, they do it one after the other.



A family of emperor penguins—mother, father, and baby—stands close together to keep warm.

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READING COMPREHENSION

A. Choose the best answer for each question.

GIST **1.** Another good title for this passage would be _____.

a. Penguins: Sharing the Parenting
b. Penguins: Birds with Big Families
c. Penguin Babies: Swimming from Day One

DETAIL **2.** Where do mother penguins lay their eggs?

a. near the sea
b. in the sea
c. far from the sea

INFERENCE **3.** What is the purpose of the penguins' brood pouches?

a. to keep the eggs and baby penguins warm
b. to bring food back from the sea
c. to carry the eggs when the penguins move



Emperor penguin chicks grow quickly, so they need a lot of food.

INFERENCE **4.** What could happen if the chick falls onto the ice?

a. Another penguin might take the chick.
b. The chick might die because of the cold.
c. The ice could break and the chick will fall into the water.

DETAIL **5.** At what age do most penguin chicks start to live on their own?

a. five months
b. nine months
c. twelve months

SUMMARIZING **B.** Complete the summary using the words and phrases in the box (a–f).

a. lays an egg	b. take turns caring for the chick	c. enters the water
d. takes care of the egg	e. move away from the sea	f. hatches

May	The weather gets cold, and the penguins [1]_____. The mother penguin [2]_____.
June–July	The father penguin [3]_____ through winter.
August	The baby [4]_____.
August–November	The penguin parents [5]_____.
December	The chick can live on its own. It [6]_____ for the first time.

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Listening Comprehension

Listen carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What time did Mike go to bed?

a) At noon. b) After midnight. c) Before midnight.

2. Mike has a _____ test.

a) physics b) psychology c) phys ed.

3. Mike couldn't fall asleep because there was _____ outside.

a) a thunderstorm b) a cat c) a loud party

4. What does Mike want to eat for breakfast?

a) A sandwich. b) Eggs. c) Cereal.

5. What does Mike want to drink?

a) Coffee. b) Tea. c) Juice.

6. Is Mike's dad going to work today?

a) Yes, he is. b) No, he isn't.

7. This morning, Mike's dad must go to _____.

a) work b) the doctor's office c) the mechanic

8. Mike's dad says that he and his son will be _____.

a) good b) fine c) okay

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WRITING WORKSHEET

Writing About a Famous Person You Admire

1. Who is a famous person you admire?

2. Where is this person from?

3. What does this person do?

4. Why is this person famous?

5. Why do you admire this person?

A Person I Admire

One famous person I admire is Emma Watson. She is from England and is a talented actress and activist. She became famous for playing Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter films. She is also known for speaking about education and equality. I admire her because she is talented, hardworking, and tries to make a positive difference in the world.

Remember: Give your paragraph a title. Indent the first line. Write complete sentences and connect your ideas with words such as because, also, and.

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Writing About a Famous Person

Now use your notes and the sample to write your own paragraph.

Title: _____

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Speaking

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Did you sleep well last night? Give a reason for your answer.

2. What did you have for breakfast today?

3. What do you usually drink in the morning?

4. When you were a kid, who made breakfast for you?

5. What time would you like to go to sleep tonight?

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