



# WEEKLY READING WEEK SET #9

## PENGUINS

**READ THE STORY 2 TIMES AND MARK ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN YOUR READING.**

Penguins are unique animals. There are 17 species of penguins. They are aquatic, flightless birds living throughout the world although most of them are found in the Southern Hemisphere and especially in Antarctica. Most penguins can be found in these countries: New Zealand, Australia, Chile, Argentina, and South Africa. Penguins spend about half their time in water and the other half on land.

They do not have wings like other birds. Penguins have flippers that they use to swim. Their black and white color serves as camouflage as they swim under water. The white reflects and the black cannot be seen by predators. Emperor Penguins are the tallest species, standing nearly 4 feet tall. The smallest is the Little Blue Penguin, which is only about 16 inches.

Most penguins feed on krill, fish, squid and other forms of sea life that they catch while swimming underwater.

Penguin parents care for their young for several months until the chicks are strong enough to hunt for food on their own. These creatures are unique and fun to observe and learn about.

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. MAKE SURE TO USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER.**

1. What does the word **flightless** in paragraph #1 mean?  
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2. What is the main idea of this story?  
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3. Why did the author write this story?  
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**PREDICTIONS: MAKE A PREDICTION OF WHAT YOU WILL BE READING ABOUT.**

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**WHAT IS THE GENRE OF THIS STORY?**

Prove it:

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**WHAT CONNECTION CAN YOU MAKE WITH THIS STORY? [TEXT, SELF, WORLD]**

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