Emperor Penguins

Year 2 reading comprehension (information). Read the text carefully. The questions are on the next page.

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Emperor penguins are the biggest penguins in the world. They live in Antarctica, the coldest place on Earth.

Penguins are birds, but they cannot fly. Instead, they are very good swimmers. They use their wings like flippers to zoom through the water and catch fish.

In winter, the mother penguin lays one egg. Then she goes to the sea to find food. The father keeps the egg warm on his feet, under a flap of skin, for about two months. He does not eat at all in that time!

When the chick hatches, the mother comes back. She feeds the chick, and the hungry father can finally go and eat.

Questions: Emperor Penguins

Tick one answer for each question. You can look back at the text as often as you like.

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1. **Where do emperor penguins live?**
   - ☐ in a desert
   - ☐ in a jungle
   - ☐ in Antarctica

2. **What do penguins use their wings for?**
   - ☐ digging
   - ☐ flying
   - ☐ swimming

3. **Who keeps the egg warm?**
   - ☐ the chick
   - ☐ the father
   - ☐ the mother

4. **How long does the father look after the egg?**
   - ☐ about two days
   - ☐ about two months
   - ☐ about two years

5. **What does “hatches” mean?**
   - ☐ comes out of the egg
   - ☐ falls asleep
   - ☐ learns to swim

6. **Why is the father penguin hungry at the end?**
   - ☐ He gave his food to the mother.
   - ☐ He has not eaten for two months.
   - ☐ He swam too far.

7. **What happens straight after the mother lays the egg?**
   - ☐ She goes to the sea to find food.
   - ☐ The chick hatches.
   - ☐ The father goes to eat.

Answer key: Emperor Penguins

The correct answer for each question, with the evidence from the text.

1. **Where do emperor penguins live?**

   in Antarctica

   Why: The first paragraph says they live in Antarctica.

2. **What do penguins use their wings for?**

   swimming

   Why: They use their wings like flippers to zoom through the water.

3. **Who keeps the egg warm?**

   the father

   Why: The father keeps the egg warm on his feet.

4. **How long does the father look after the egg?**

   about two months

   Why: He keeps it warm for about two months.

5. **What does “hatches” mean?**

   comes out of the egg

   Why: When the chick hatches it breaks out of its egg, and then the mother feeds it.

6. **Why is the father penguin hungry at the end?**

   He has not eaten for two months.

   Why: The text says he does not eat at all while he keeps the egg warm.

7. **What happens straight after the mother lays the egg?**

   She goes to the sea to find food.

   Why: Then she goes to the sea to find food comes straight after she lays the egg.