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Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Circle group

It is cold where emperor penguins live. There is snow and ice.

Mom lays one egg. Dad holds it on his feet. A warm flap covers it.

Dad stands still. The egg stays warm. Soon a chick comes out!

Questions

1. Where do emperor penguins live?

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2. How many eggs does mom lay?

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3. Where does dad hold the egg?

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4. What comes out of the egg?

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5. Why does the egg need a warm flap?

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Words to know

penguin: a bird that swims but cannot fly
egg: a round thing a baby bird grows inside
chick: a baby bird
flap: a loose fold of skin

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Triangle group

It is very cold where emperor penguins live. There is snow and ice.

A penguin mom lays one egg. Then dad holds it on top of his feet. A warm flap of skin covers it.

Dad stands still for a long time. The egg stays warm. Soon a chick comes out!

Questions

1. Where do emperor penguins live?

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2. How many eggs does a penguin mom lay?

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3. Where does dad hold the egg?

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Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Square group

Emperor penguins live in a place that is extremely cold and covered with snow and ice.

A penguin mother lays a single egg. Then the father carefully holds it on top of his feet, and a warm flap of skin folds over it.

The father stands still for a long time so that the egg stays warm. After a while, a tiny chick comes out!

Questions

1. What kind of place do emperor penguins live in?

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2. How many eggs does a penguin mother lay?

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3. Where does the father hold the egg, and what covers it?

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4. What comes out of the egg after a while?

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5. Why does the father stand still for such a long time?

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For the teacher: Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Easier · 39 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. Where it is cold, with snow and ice.
2. One.
3. On his feet.
4. A chick.
5. It is cold, so the egg must stay warm.

Triangle: Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

This passage · 51 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. Where it is very cold, with snow and ice.
2. One.
3. On top of his feet.
4. A chick.
5. The place is cold, and the egg must stay warm.

Square: Penguin Dad Keeps the Egg Warm

Harder · 65 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.7

1. A place that is extremely cold, with snow and ice.
2. A single egg.
3. On top of his feet, covered by a warm flap of skin.
4. A tiny chick.
5. So the egg stays warm in the cold place.