

ENGLISH · Y3

Non-Chronological Report — Year 3

WAGOLL: All About Penguins

Introduction

ALL ABOUT PENGUINS Penguins are amazing birds that live in some of the coldest places on Earth. There are 18 different species of penguin, and they are found mostly in the Southern Hemisphere. Although penguins are birds, they cannot fly. Instead, they are excellent swimmers and use their flipper-like wings to glide through the water.

What do penguins look like?

Penguins have black backs and white tummies. This colouring helps them hide in the water — when fish look up, the penguin's white tummy blends with the bright sky, and when other animals look down, the penguin's black back blends with the dark sea. The smallest penguin, the Little Blue Penguin, is only 33 cm tall. The largest, the Emperor Penguin, can grow up to 120 cm tall.

Where do penguins live?

Most people think penguins only live in Antarctica, but this is not true! Different species live in many different places. Some live on the icy coast of Antarctica, while others live on the rocky beaches of South America, South Africa or Australia. The Galápagos Penguin even lives near the equator, where it is hot all year round.

What do penguins eat?

Penguins eat fish, squid and tiny shrimp-like creatures called krill. They are excellent hunters. They can dive deep underwater and hold their breath for several minutes while they catch their food. Emperor Penguins can dive down more than 500 metres — that's deeper than five football pitches stacked on top of each other!



Did you know?

Did you know that male Emperor Penguins keep the egg warm, not the females? After the female lays the egg, she goes off to find food in the sea, sometimes for two months. The male balances the egg on his feet and covers it with a flap of warm skin. He stands like this for the whole time, even in temperatures as low as -50°C .

Notated features

What makes this a strong Y3 non-chronological report?

- TITLE: in capitals, makes the topic clear
- INTRODUCTION: gives the basic facts before going into detail
- SUB-HEADINGS as questions: 'Where do penguins live?' helps readers find information
- PRESENT TENSE: 'Penguins eat fish...' (because facts are always true)
- TECHNICAL VOCABULARY: 'species,' 'hemisphere,' 'krill,' 'equator'
- FACTUAL DETAIL: 'up to 120 cm tall,' 'more than 500 metres'
- COMPARISONS: 'deeper than five football pitches' helps readers understand sizes
- FORMAL TONE: third person, no 'I' or 'you'
- 'DID YOU KNOW?' BOX: shares an interesting fact at the end
- GENERALISATIONS: 'Most people think...' / 'Different species live...'

