

2nd Grade Reading: All About Penguins (Nonfiction) - Answer Key

2nd Grade - nonfiction comprehension | 15 minutes

Read the passage:

Penguins are birds, but they cannot fly. Instead, they are amazing swimmers. Their wings work like flippers to push them through the cold water, where they catch fish to eat. Penguins have thick feathers and a layer of fat that keep them warm. On land, they waddle slowly, but in the water they zoom. Many penguins live where it is very cold and icy. To stay warm, they huddle close together in big groups. A baby penguin is called a chick.

Read the passage. Then answer each question in a complete sentence using the text.

1. Can penguins fly?

Answer: No. They are birds that cannot fly.

2. How do penguins move in the water?

Answer: They use their wings like flippers to swim.

3. What two things keep penguins warm?

Answer: Thick feathers and a layer of fat.

4. Why do penguins huddle together?

Answer: To stay warm.

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

Answer: Penguins are birds that swim instead of fly and have ways to stay warm. (Sample answer.)

Challenge

6. What is a baby penguin called?

Answer: A chick.