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1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 The Antarctic is the **warmest** / **coldest** place on Earth.
- 2 Emperor penguins are the **largest** / **smallest** of all the penguins.
- 3 Emperor penguins **are** / **are not** the heaviest of all birds.
- 4 Emperor penguins have **black** / **white** heads, backs, tails and flippers.
- 5 They have **lots of** / **no** fat on their bodies, and they do not get very cold.
- 6 Lots of emperor penguins live only on the **ice** / **land** or in the sea.

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2 Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Penguins can fly.
- 2 Emperor penguins get cold because they don't have fat on their bodies.
- 3 Emperor penguins are able to stand together in very large colonies and keep warm with their bodies next to the other penguins.
- 4 All birds leave the Antarctic before winter.
- 5 Lots of emperor penguins will not walk on land in their life.
- 6 There are lots of predators in the Antarctic in the winter.

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3 Answer the questions from Chapter One.

- 1 For how long is there no sun in the Antarctic?
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- 2 How many kilometres is the breeding ground from the sea?
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- 3 When do emperor penguins have their chicks?
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- 4 Other birds leave the Antarctic before winter. Why does this help the emperor penguins?
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5 What in the emperor penguins' bodies helps them to keep warm and to survive?

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6 Where in the Antarctic do emperor penguins live?

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7 Which animals hunt penguins in the sea?

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8 How long can emperor penguins live for?

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4 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

There are many thousands of penguins in the colony, and they have to find very ¹

- a large
- b larger
- c largest
- d largely

places

with ice in the winter for their ²

- a breed
- b bred
- c breeding
- d to breed

ground. The penguins must mate ³

- a under
- b on
- c in
- d off

the ice

⁴ the winter and have their chicks in the winter. But there are ⁵

- a in
- b after
- c on
- d before

- a good
- b better
- c best
- d well

things about

this. ⁶ animals leave the Antarctic in the winter, so there are not many predators near

- a No
- b Not many
- c Most other
- d All

the breeding grounds. This helps the penguins ⁷

- a surviving
- b to survive
- c will survive
- d survives

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5 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.

fat flippers neck feathers feet tail stomachs bodies bills

- 1 Emperor penguins' help them to survive in the cold Antarctic.
- 2 Their help them to swim fast, but they are not good for walking on ice.
- 3 Emperor penguins have much more on their bodies than other penguins.
This helps them keep warm but makes them very heavy.
- 4 The move close to the penguins' bodies, and the penguins can swim very fast.
- 5 They clean their feathers with their
- 6 drive the penguins through the water and help them turn from side to side quickly.
- 7 Sometimes, penguins lie on their and use their feet to push their bodies over the ice.

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6 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in brackets in the present continuous form.

- 1 It is autumn in the Antarctic, and the easy months of the summer (**finish**).
- 2 Thousands of penguins (**make**) the journey to the breeding grounds.
- 3 The camera crew (**wait**) near the breeding grounds.
- 4 The penguins (**walk**) towards their breeding grounds, and there are thousands of them!
- 5 There now thousands and thousands of penguins (**come**) towards the breeding grounds.
- 6 It is late April now, and the Antarctic (**get**) colder.

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7 Answer the questions. Choose numbers from the box.

20 and 120 kilometres 30 minutes 20 degrees Celsius
500 metres half a kilogram two months

- 1 The emperor penguins must travel between from the sea across the ice to the breeding grounds.
- 2 It is a warm day for Antarctica in winter, and the temperature is minus
- 3 The penguins' large, heavy bodies also help them to swim more than under the water.
- 4 Penguins can stay under water for more than

- 5 The egg is 12 centimetres by 8 centimetres and weighs nearly
- 6 The male will keep the egg under his stomach until it hatches later.

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8 Put the information about the male emperor penguin and the female emperor penguin in the correct column.

courts the other penguin do a courting “dance” climbs on the other penguin’s back
 lays an egg on the ice becomes much smaller and thinner
 stand in a huddle slowly pushes the egg to the other penguin
 catches the egg and keeps it warm for two months call to the other penguin

Male emperor penguin	Female emperor penguin	Both emperor penguins

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9 Choose the correct verbs.

- 1 In June, the penguins begin **stand** / **standing** together in a large group or “huddle”.
- 2 The female is going **lay** / **to lay** her egg on the ice.
- 3 She stands tall with her tail down, and, very slowly, the large egg **comes** / **coming** out on to the ice between her feet.
- 4 The male begins **moves** / **moving** slowly around his mate, and he often looks down at the egg.
- 5 After a short time, she slowly **pushes** / **pushing** the egg to him.
- 6 Now, she can **leave** / **to leave** and find food.
- 7 The male will **keep** / **to keep** the egg under his stomach until it hatches two months later.

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10 Unscramble the sentences.

1 now. / female / The / is / penguin / sea / at / the

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2 down / into / swims / She / the / water.

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3 must / she / food / as / as / much / She / find / can.

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4 her / eat / too. / must / for / She / chick,

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5 her. / are / camera / The / crew / waiting / for

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6 again. / They / their / do / dance / courting

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7 right / She / here / is / the / at / time.

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11 Put the events from Chapter Four in the correct order (1–6).

- a The fish comes up from the female’s stomach.
- b The female comes back from the sea.
- c The little chick puts its bill up and calls loudly.
- d The female puts her bill down to the chick.
- e The chick eats the fish.
- f The egg hatches.

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12 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct adjectives from the box.

wonderful grey quiet great beautiful small

“For weeks the huddle was ¹.....,” says Lindsay from the crew, “but now there was a lot of noise. The males were calling to their mates, and the chicks called to their parents. The chicks were ²..... . They were ³..... with ⁴..... down on their bodies, and they had little feet. But, one day, those little chicks will be ⁵..... birds with great feet. It is ⁶..... !”

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13 Read the answers and complete the questions.

- 1 When
Three weeks later, a big storm hits the colony.
- 2 Why
The camera crew stop filming because they cannot see very much through the snow.
- 3 What
The camera crew have to wait for the storm to pass.
- 4 Where.....
Many parents and their chicks are caught under the ice shelf.
- 5 What
The camera crew could see a lot of chicks with no parents.
- 6 Who
Penguins with chicks on their feet cannot climb the ice shelf./6

14 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Then the evening (come).
- 2 One female (try) to climb the ice shelf.
- 3 She (push) her bill into the ice.
- 4 She (pull) again and again.
- 5 She was very tired, but she (climb) to the top of the ice shelf with her chick on her feet!
- 6 It (be) wonderful./6

15 Match the two parts of the sentences. Draw lines between them.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The chick is much bigger 2 The chick lives on the ice now 3 Sometimes, the chick's parents are able to leave it 4 Now, the male and the female can go to the sea together 5 Their journey is shorter and easier now 6 The parents swim in the sea and eat lots of food, | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a and not on its parent's feet. b and bring back lots more fish for the chick. c then come back to the colony. d and does not need its parents as much. e because the ice is melting, and the sea is closer to the colony. f in a "crèche" – a large group of chicks. |
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16 Tick the five things that happen in December in Chapter Six.

- 1 The weather is warmer.
- 2 All predators leave Antarctica.
- 3 The ice is melting.
- 4 The sea is nearer to the colony.
- 5 The journey for food is shorter.
- 6 The chicks have to stay with their parents.
- 7 The penguins have to go on a long journey to get food.
- 8 The chicks are bigger.

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17 Complete the text. Choose one word for each gap.

But ¹..... of the chicks survive. It is December now, and the weather is warmer. The ice is ²....., and the sea is now much nearer to the colony. The journey for food is not very ³..... . The chicks are bigger, and they can ⁴..... their parents and start new lives. They ⁵..... their grey down and grow feathers. ⁶....., they are able to swim and hunt for food. Summer is an easy time for the emperor penguins. But, only four months later, the colony will come ⁷..... and start it all again.

- 1 many all some
- 2 melt melts melting
- 3 long longer longest
- 4 to leave left leave
- 5 lose losing lost
- 6 New Now Again
- 7 out back for

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18 List three things that are bad for penguins.

- a
- b
- c

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19 Complete the sentences. Use adverbs formed from the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 Then, (**sudden**), the camera crew hears the calls and sees the penguins on the ice.
- 2 A storm comes, and it begins to snow (**heavy**).
- 3 The egg is 12 centimetres by 8 centimetres and weighs (**near**) half a kilogram.
- 4 Inside the egg, the chick is (**slow**) growing.
- 5 The female (**usual**) comes back at hatching time.
- 6 The little chick puts its bill up and calls (**loud**).
- 7 The chicks (**quick**) get too cold, and they do not survive.

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20 Read the definitions. Complete the words.

- 1 This is a long, loud noise.
c _ _ _
- 2 This is a group of the same animals or people. They live together in one place.
c _ _ _ _ _
- 3 People or animals have this under the outside part of their bodies, and it keeps them warm.
f _ _
- 4 When you move or travel from one place to a different place.
j _ _ _ _ _
- 5 This is what we have from the start of living, to the end of living.
l _ _ _
- 6 This kills and eats other animals.
p _ _ _ _ _
- 7 This is how hot or cold something is.
t _ _ _ _ _
- 8 Two of these help a bird to fly.
w _ _ _
- 9 This is part of the Earth. It is not the sea.
l _ _ _

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