



Penguin Facts Grade 3 - 5

Penguins live in various locations in the southern hemisphere of the planet. These unique, flightless birds have many interesting characteristics. Let's find out what some of them are.

Using your **Cox High Speed Internet** to research penguins; find out the facts!

1. How many species of penguins are there? _____
2. What is the name of the smallest penguin on Earth? _____
3. What is the name of the largest penguin on Earth? _____
4. Name 3 foods penguins eat. _____

5. What is a group of penguins called? _____
6. How does the male Emperor penguin care for the egg while the female is hunting food?

7. How do penguin parents identify their young? _____
8. What is unique about the bones in a penguin? _____
9. On the classification chart, what **class** and **family** do penguins belong to?



10. What species of penguins are listed as endangered?

From the list of penguins considered endangered, select one and explain what is being done to protect them and their habitat.

Penguin selected: _____

I chose this penguin because _____

Explain the efforts being made to protect this penguin.



Penguin Facts - Answer Key

1. 17-19
2. Little blue penguin
3. Emperor penguin
4. Fish; krill; squid
5. colony
6. He holds the egg between his feet and covers it with the fat folds in his skin
7. Distinct calls made by the young
8. Penguin bones are solid (not hollow like other birds)
9. Aves; Spheniscidae
10. Northern rock-hopper; Erect-crested; Yellow-eyed; African black-footed; Galapagos

The written section should be related to one of the 5 endangered penguins listed in number 10.



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