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# Penguins

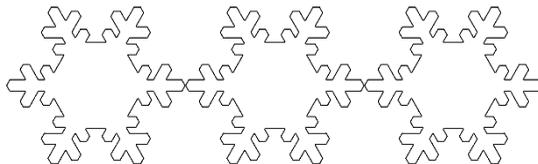
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## Penguins

Penguins are very interesting birds! Penguins are birds that cannot fly. Instead of having wings for flying like other birds, penguins have flippers. The flippers help them swim in the water. Penguins spend half of their time in the water and half of their time on land.

Penguins can live in cold habitats and warm habitats. In cold temperatures, penguins huddle together to keep warm. They eat fish and other sea life they catch underwater. Many penguins eat shrimp, krill, and squid.

Penguins like to play with each other. They like to slide on their tummies through the snow and the ice. They also like to dive in the water. Penguins are fun to learn about!



### Read & Look Back:



Use a yellow crayon to highlight the opinion statement in this passage.



Use a blue crayon to highlight one way penguins are different than most birds.



Use a red crayon to highlight the text that states what penguins eat.

### Read & Respond:

Write one interesting fact you learned about penguins.

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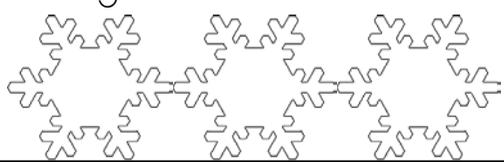
# Poppy the Penguin

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## Poppy the Penguin

Poppy woke up early on Sunday morning. She was so excited! She slid down the stairs and saw lots of presents. There was even a pink cake with seven candles on it. "Good morning! Open this gift first," her mom said. Poppy ripped off the shiny, silver and pink paper. When Poppy took the item out of the box, she grinned from ear to ear. It was the doll she's been wanting! She saw the doll in the window of the toy store two weeks ago. Poppy has been talking about the doll ever since.

"Thank you so much, mom!" Poppy yelled. She waddled over to her mom and gave her a big hug. "You are very welcome, my little Poppy!" her mom whispered. Poppy played with her new doll all morning. She was a very happy penguin!



### Read & Look Back:

- Use a yellow crayon to highlight two adjectives that describe the paper Poppy ripped off the gift.
- Use a blue crayon to highlight the text that states what Poppy did after she took the doll out of the box.
- Use a red crayon to highlight the text that states what Poppy saw when she slid down the stairs.

### Read & Respond:

Make an inference. Why did Poppy's mother give her a gift? How do you know?

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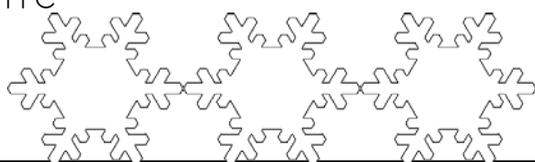
# Seals

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## Seals

There are many different kinds of seals. Some seals live in very cold climates and some seals live in very warm climates. Seals are mammals and spend most of their time in the water. Their flippers help them swim underwater. They will often sit on rocks in the sun to get warm. Seals have a thick layer of fat called blubber under their skin. The blubber keeps them warm in the cold water.

Baby seals are called pups. When the pups are born, they learn how to dive and hunt on their own. Seals spend most of their time swimming and hunting for fish to eat. They are great divers. Sharks and whales are the main predators of the seal.



## Read & Look Back:



Use a yellow crayon to highlight the text that explains how seals stay warm in the cold water.



Use a blue crayon to highlight the name of a baby seal.



Use a red crayon to highlight the seals' two main predators.

## Read & Respond:

Compare. What is one way seals and penguins are alike?

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# Sammy Saves the Day

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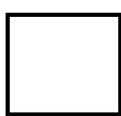
## Sammy Saves the Day

Sammy the Seal sat on his rock one cold, gray morning. His older brothers were swimming by the shore. Sammy wished he was a good swimmer like his older brothers. The only thing Sammy could do well was tell jokes. Sammy sat and sat on his rock and practiced his jokes.

Suddenly he saw a polar bear. It was getting closer and closer. Sammy yelled to his brothers to get out of the sea, but they could not hear him. The polar bear might eat them! He knew he had to do something. Sammy started to practice his jokes loudly. The polar bear started to swim toward Sammy. The polar bear was laughing! "Can you teach me some jokes?" he asked. "Only if you teach me how to swim," Sammy said. "It's a deal!" said the polar bear. Sammy had saved the day! His brothers were so thankful!



### Read & Look Back:



Use a yellow crayon to highlight the setting of the story. (The setting is where AND when the story takes place.)



Use a blue crayon to highlight the conflict in the story. (What went wrong?)



Use a red crayon to highlight the solution to the story. (How was the problem fixed?)

### Read & Respond:

Why were Sammy's brothers thankful?

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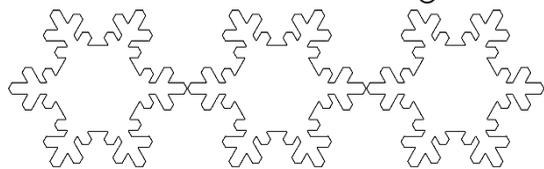
# Polar Bears

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## Polar Bears

Polar bears live in the icy, Arctic habitat. They are the largest land predators in the world. A polar bear's main diet is seals. To hunt seals, they rest beside a seal's breathing hole in the ice. They wait for the seal to come to the surface. They also hunt by swimming under the water. A polar bear will also eat fish and sea birds.

A polar bear has thick fur and a layer of blubber, or fat, to keep it warm. They have big, wide paws. Polar bears also have webbed toes to help them swim. A polar bear has pads on its paws to help him walk on the ice. During the winter, polar bears stay warm by making a den in the snow.



### Read & Look Back:



Use a yellow crayon to highlight the text that explains how a polar bear hunts for seals.



Use a blue crayon to highlight two ways polar bears stay warm in the winter.



Use a red crayon to highlight the body part that helps polar bears walk on the ice.

### Read & Respond:

Write and ask a question you still have about polar bears.

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# Bear's Best Friend

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## Bear's Best Friend

Berry the Polar Bear slid across the lake on his skates. He was tall and graceful. "Hurry up!" Berry called to his best friend Mo. Mo the Moose was short and clumsy. When he heard Berry yell, he forgot what he was doing and fell down on the ice. "Are you okay?" Berry asked. "Yes, but can we please stop skating?" Mo asked.

The two best friends played hide and seek. They were both very good at this game! Berry's fur was white, and he liked to hide in the snow. Mo's fur was brown. He liked to hide behind trees. They played hide and seek for a long time. Then, they went home for a snack. Berry had fish sticks, and Mo munched on some leaves. Berry had a great day with his best friend!



### Read & Look Back:



Use a yellow crayon to highlight the names of the two characters in the story.



Use a blue crayon to highlight all the ways Berry and Mo are different.



Use a red crayon to highlight how Berry and Mo are alike.

### Read & Respond:

Is this text fiction or nonfiction?  
How do you know?

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