



Grades K-3
Vocabulary: Penguins

Chick - A baby bird.

Breed - To produce young.

Colony - A group of penguins nesting together.

Incubate - To keep eggs warm so they'll develop and hatch.

Molt - To lose feathers, allowing new ones to grow.

Predator - An animal that hunts and eats other animals.

Preen - To clean and smooth feathers using the beak.

Prey - Animals that are hunted and eaten by other animals.

Fledge - To leave the nest - young birds fledge when they are ready to take care of themselves.

Mate - To pair up and produce offspring.

Regurgitate - To bring up partly digested food from the stomach so it can be fed to young - this is a common practice of many species of birds, including penguins.

Rookery - An area where animals gather to mate and give birth.

Porpoise (verb) - To swim by leaping out of the water.

Species - A group of animals that share the same characteristics and can produce offspring.

Crop- A pouch in a bird's throat where food is stored until it can be digested.

Counter shading- Having a dark back and white underside.

Guano - Bird droppings (i.e. penguin poop).