

Penguin Quiz

Here's a brainteaser to see how much you know about penguins! The answers will print out on a second page- don't peek!

- 1) Why are penguins black and white?
 - A. They got a party invitation
 - B. It makes them harder to see
 - C. They're color blind
- 2) Which penguin has the name of a Pasta?
 - A. Tortellini
 - B. Spaghetti
 - C. Macaroni
- 3) Little Penguins are also known as:
 - A. Fairies
 - B. Angels
 - C. Magicians
- 4) How deep can a penguin dive?
 - A. 1500 feet
 - B. 500 feet
 - C. 50 feet
- 5) Where do penguins live?
 - A. In the snow and ice
 - B. In the forest
 - C. In the desert
 - D. All of the above
- 6) How fast can a penguin swim?
 - A. 50 miles per hour
 - B. 5 miles per hour
 - C. They'd rather walk
- 7) If you were to slide down a hill like a penguin would you:
 - A. Snowboard
 - B. Ski
 - C. Toboggan

Bonus Question: True or False- Polar Bears eat Penguins.

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

Answers

- 1) B. Scientists believe that the black and white pattern (common in many marine animals) is a way to avoid being seen in the water. From above, a dark back is hard to see. Similarly, a white belly is hard to see against the sky.
- 2) C. The Macaroni Penguin is named for its long yellow head plumes which reminded early whalers of the famous song, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" - as in "...put a feather in his cap and called it Macaroni."
- 3) A. Little Penguins are also known in Australia as "Fairy Penguins" because of their small size - and maybe because they're cute! These are the smallest penguins in the world - no more than about 16" inches tall!
- 4) A. Amazingly enough, Emperor Penguins have been found to dive as much as 1500 feet, chasing fish and squid in the cold, dark waters of Antarctica.
- 5) D. All of the above. Not all penguins live at the South Pole! In South America, some penguins live on the edge of the desert, and in New Zealand - they live deep in the forest.
- 6) B. 5 Miles an hour. Most people think penguins move much faster than they do, and most penguins can only go about 5 miles an hour. The fastest penguin is the Emperor that has been measured at almost seven miles an hour!
- 7) C. Toboggan. When a penguin gets tired of walking they often just slide on to their smooth bellies and slide along that way. This is called "tobogganing."

BONUS:

B. FALSE. Maybe they would if they could, but polar bears live in the Arctic and penguins live in the Antarctic - so they never see each other!