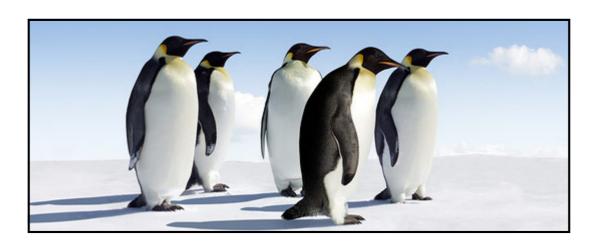


# Upper KS1/Lower KS2 (SATS style) Reading Comprehension Booklet



Name.....

### Useful words

airborne

waterproof

windproof

gland

crustaceans

bill

efficient

# Penguins



Penguins are birds with black and white feathers and a funny waddle. But unlike most birds, penguins are not able to fly.

### Questions

1 What kind of animal is a penguin?

2 What makes penguins different from most birds?

Penguins spend as much as three quarters of their time underwater, searching for food in the ocean. When they are in the water, they dive and flap their wings. It looks just like they are flying!

Penguins are shaped like a torpedo. Their body is built for the most efficient swimming with their average speed in the water being about 15 miles per hour.

3	How do penguins spend most of their time?			
Tick one.				
	flying	flapping their wings		
	searching for food	waddling		
About how fast do penguins usually swim?				

The only time penguins are airborne is when they leap out of the water. Penguins will often do this to get a gulp of air before diving back down for fish. Penguins cannot breathe underwater, though they are able to hold their breath for a long time. They also use their ability to leap out of the water to get from the ocean onto land.

5	5 What do penguins often do before diving down for fish?				
6	6 What are penguins able to hold for a long time?				
Tick on	e.				
	their feathers		their food		
	their breath		the ocean		
To keep warm, penguins, like whales, have a layer of fat under their skin called "blubber". Over the top of this blubber, they are covered with fluffy "down" feathers and over the top of those, they have their outer feathers which overlap to seal in warmth. Penguins rub oil from a gland onto their feathers to help make them waterproof and windproof.					
Which other sea creatures have blubber under their skins?					
Tick one.					
	starfish		whales		
	prawns		goldfish		

What do penguins do to make themselves waterproof and windproof?

_	ns eat seafood. Their main die small shrimp-like animals called		•		
If you perfec	' look closely at a penguin's bill t for grabbing dinner. They a ongues that help stop slippery	you'll n Iso have	otice a hook at the end, backward facing bristles on		
9	9 What is the main food eaten by penguins?				
Tick c	one.				
	squid		krill		
	fish		crustaceans		
10	How do the bristles on peng	uins ton	gues help them?		

### Useful words

loyal

trustworthy

deceive

betray

## Penguin's Promise

Penguin, Bear and Fox were great friends. One day Bear and Fox were out playing when a passing traveller asked them to look after his basket of apples while he went to visit his family. In return for the favour, he promised to give each of them one of his lovely apples.



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What were Bear and Fox doing when they met the traveller?

Tick one.				
		hunting		playing
		eating		dancing

Eagerly, Bear and Fox agreed to look after the traveller's apples.

"We must take great care of these apples." said Bear.

"Yes," agreed Fox, "but we should keep it a secret so that the other animals don't try to take them from us."

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Which word in the text tells you that Bear and Fox were happy to look after the traveller's apples?

Tick one.

	secret	animals
	care	eagerly

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Why did Fox want to keep the apples a secret?

After a while, Penguin came wandering by and, seeing them so happy, asked them why. They told him that they couldn't say because it was a secret. But Penguin asked them to trust him because he was their friend. Bear and Fox thought for a while and then agreed to tell Penguin their secret.

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Why did Penguin ask Bear and Fox to trust him?

Soon, Bear, Fox and Penguin began to feel rather hungry so they decided to hide the apples and go back to their village for a spot of lunch. Unfortunately, when they arrived at the village, Penguin forgot all about his promise and told everyone. When Bear and Fox returned to the place where they had hidden the apples, the animals of the village had already been there and eaten them all!

Soon, Bear, Fox and Penguin began to feel rather hungry so they decided to hide the apples and go back to their village for a spot of lunch.

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What do the words a spot mean in this sentence?

Tick one.

a little	a pile
a lot	a heap

Eventually, the traveller returned to collect his basket of apples and Bear and Fox explained what had happened. Luckily, the traveller was an understanding man and did not blame Bear and Fox for the loss of his apples. Instead, he asked them if they would mind taking care of his box of oranges while he went to visit his friends. In return for the favour, he promised to give each of them one of his delicious oranges.

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Which of the words below is used to describe the traveller?

Tick one.

nasty

kind

understanding

greedy

Bear and Fox agreed to look after the traveller's oranges but when Penguin came along, exactly the same thing happened! Penguin did not keep the secret and again, all the oranges were eaten by the animals of the village.



Angered by his betrayal, Bear and Fox decided to teach Penguin a lesson! The next day, they told Penguin that they had found a lake so full of fish that no effort was needed to catch them. Again, Penguin promised not to tell anyone of the secret but, again, he told everyone in the village.

Angered by his betrayal, Bear and Fox decided to teach Penguin a lesson!

19	What do you think the word	betray	al means in this sentence?			
Tick c	Tick one.					
	to run away		to be helpful			
	to break a promise		to be lazy			
20	Why did Bear and Fox decide	e to tec	ach Penguin a lesson?			

The next day, Penguin came by feeling very sorry for himself. After telling all the animals about the lake full of fish, everyone, including the wolves, had gone there. But, not finding anything, they felt deceived, and had told Penguin that he must go and find somewhere else to live.

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Tick one

Why did the animals feel that they had been deceived?

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	They thought that Penguin had lied to them.	They thought that Penguir was sneaky.
	They knew that Penguin had	They thought that Penguir
	broken his promise.	had eaten all the fish.

Penguin learned that keeping people's trust is very important. He knew that to win back the trust of his friends, he would have to earn it by proving that he could be loyal and always keep his promises.

Happily, this is exactly what Penguin did and soon his friends forgave him.

Now, from that day to this, Penguin has remained the most loyal and trustworthy friend that anyone could wish to have.

The End