

3rd Grade Reading

PENGUIN



Passage 3



The emperor penguin is the largest of the penguin species. They can grow to be between 44-48 inches tall. They are easy to see from other penguins because of their black heads and white bellies. They are mostly found on the continent of Antarctica. They spend their days on the ice and in the waters that surround it. They look for their food in that ocean water. They mainly eat fish, krill, and squid. They are really amazing swimmers. They are able to hold their breath under water for up to twenty-seven minutes! They can survive in the cold because of their layers of blubber. This blubber, or fat, helps to keep them warm. They also have four layers of feathers. These feathers are waterproof. That means they keep the water out. The penguins also huddle together for warmth if the temperatures drop extremely cold.

Passage 3 Questions



- 1 On what continent are they mostly found?
- 2 What do they mainly eat?
- 3 How do their bodies help them stay warm?
- 4 What do they do if it gets extremely cold?