

Carlos here! Many penguins are as curious about people as we are about them! They're known to get pretty close to people, in order to study them!



These penguins live in South Africa. They are covered in oil from a spill that occurred there. These two could use some sweaters!

Dressed for Success

So long, black and white! This year, penguins can be spotted in every color from baby blue to ruby red. Thanks to penguin pullover sweaters—the latest in fowl fashion—penguins have a bright future ahead of them.

Penguin pullovers may look funny, but they're no laughing matter. They protect the little birds from the dangers of oil spills. When oil comes in contact with penguin feathers, it takes away the birds' natural oils. Those natural oils are needed to keep the penguins warm and dry in icy waters. Penguins also **preen**, or clean

their feathers with their beaks. The sweaters are meant to keep the penguins from swallowing the harmful oil when they're preening.

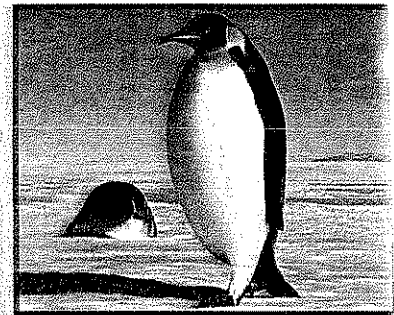
Rescue workers got the idea for penguin pullovers after an oil spill near Phillip Island, Australia, threatened the little birds. They fitted the penguins with doll sweaters. The idea worked so well that an environmental group took note. They asked people everywhere to start knitting. Soon, they had more than 5,000 sweaters! The sweaters are being sent to every place where penguins are in danger.

Penguin Picks

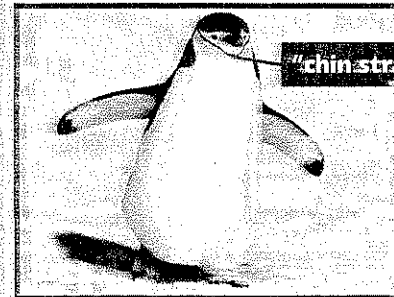
There are 17 types of penguins in the world—and each type waddles to its own beat. Here are three:



ADÉLIE penguins may be one of the smallest in size, but they're very large in population. There are more than 5 million of them!



EMPEROR penguins are the largest in the world. At 4 feet tall and 83 pounds, they're bigger than many third-graders!



CHINSTRAP penguins look like they're wearing helmets. They all have a line of black feathers under their chins that look like chin straps.

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“penguins have a bright future ahead of them”

Choose the sentence that describes why the author wrote this.

- a. To describe how the penguins are going to be safe.
- b. To describe how the penguins are being dressed.
- c. To describe how the penguins are being found.

Target 11 Standard RI 6 Model 2 DOK 2

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- c. The Adelie penguins preen themselves more than the Emperor penguins.

Target 12 Standard RI 9 Model 1 DOK 1

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Which phrase has the same meaning as contact?

- a. to stop something
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- c. to touch something

Target 10 Standard RI 4 Model 1a DOK 1

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- a. People care about penguins.
- b. People are curious about penguins.
- c. People want to keep penguins warm.

Target 8/11 Standard RI-2 Model 3 DOK 2

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Scoring Notes: Details may include but are not limited to:

Part A:

- A. When oil comes in contact with penguin feathers, it takes away the birds' natural oils.
- B. Penguins can swallow harmful oil when preening.
- C. Oil spills are harmful to penguins.

Part B:

- A. Penguin pullovers protect penguins from oil spills.
- B. The sweaters are meant to keep the penguins from swallowing the harmful oil.
- C. People everywhere started knitting sweaters and sending them to the penguins.