



Penguins are flightless seabirds and there are 18 different species of them. The gentoo penguin, which is the fastest-swimming penguin, is estimated to swim up to 36km per hour. The largest species of penguin - the emperor penguin - can measure up to 120cm while the smallest penguin (known as the blue penguin, little penguin or fairy penguin) only grows to approximately 30cm. A group of penguins on land can be called a colony, a rookery or a huddle while a group of swimming penguins is called a raft. The majority of penguins live in the southern hemisphere and they generally live on islands or remote regions near the coast. While many penguins live in cold regions, such as Antarctica, some species are located in warmer climates; for example, the Galapagos penguin lives off the coast of Ecuador.



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**Find and copy** one word which is a synonym for 'isolated'.

2

Summarise what you have learnt about penguins from this text in 30 words or fewer.

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This is an extract from a longer text about penguins. What do you think the author may have included in the rest of the article?

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How tall can the largest species of penguins grow to?

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What can you infer from the illustrations and photographs that have been included?

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