My Penguin Fact File

Read the penguin fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a penguin

Penguin facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. flipper ____	A. a warm fold of skin that covers a penguin's egg or chick
2. countershading ____	B. a group of penguin chicks that gather together while their parents find food
3. brood pouch ____	C. dark on top and light underneath, which helps an animal hide
4. crèche ____	D. a flat, stiff wing that a penguin uses to swim
5. colony ____	E. a large group of penguins that nest in the same place

The most amazing thing I learned about penguins

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Answer Key

Penguin Fact File

Penguin facts

Scientific name:	Emperor: Aptenodytes forsteri
Size:	About 1 ft to nearly 4 ft tall
Weight:	About 2 lb to 88 lb, by species
Lifespan:	Emperor: about 15–20 years
Diet:	Fish, squid and krill
Habitat:	Ocean, coasts and sea ice
Where:	Southern Hemisphere, to the equator
Status:	Varies; emperor Endangered (2026)

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–C, 3–A, 4–B, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- Emperor penguins can dive about 1,850 feet (565 m) deep.
- Gentoo penguins can swim about 22 mph (36 km/h) underwater.
- Emperor dads keep their egg warm on their feet for about two months.