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Penguins





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Parent's Introduction

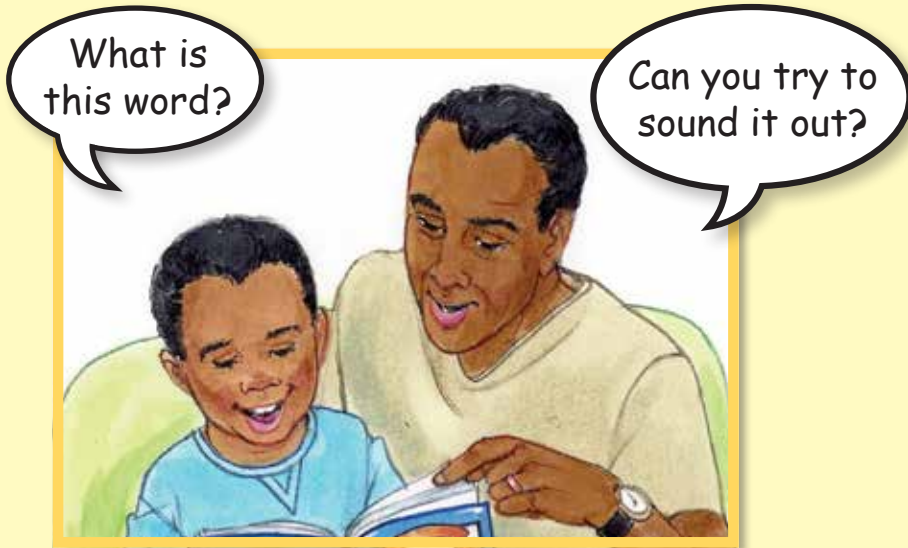
Whether your child is a beginning reader, a reluctant reader, or an eager reader, this book offers a fun and easy way to encourage and help your child in reading.

Developed with reading education specialists, **We Both Read** books invite you and your child to take turns reading aloud. You read the left-hand pages of the book, and your child reads the right-hand pages—which have been written at one of six early reading levels. The result is a wonderful new reading experience and faster reading development!

You may find it helpful to read the entire book aloud yourself the first time, then invite your child to participate the second time. As you read, try to make the story come alive by reading with expression. This will help to model good fluency.

In some books, a few challenging words are introduced in the parent's text with **bold** lettering. Pointing out and discussing these words can help to build your child's reading vocabulary. If your child is a beginning reader, it may be helpful to run a finger under the text as each of you reads. To help show whose turn it is, a blue dot ● comes before text for you to read, and a red star ★ comes before text for your child to read.

If your child struggles with a word, you can encourage "sounding it out," but keep in mind that this will not help with all words because some words don't follow phonetic patterns.



You can help with breaking down the sounds of the letters or syllables, but if your child becomes too frustrated, it is usually best to simply say the word.

While reading together, try to help your child understand what is being read. It can help to stop every few pages to ask questions about the text and check if there are any words your child doesn't understand. After you finish the book, ask a few more questions or discuss what you've read together. Rereading this book multiple times may also help your child to read with more ease and understanding.

Most importantly, remember to praise your child's efforts and keep the reading fun. Keep the tips above in mind, but don't worry about doing everything right. Simply sharing the enjoyment of reading together will increase your child's reading skills and help to start your child on a lifetime of reading enjoyment!

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A We Both Read Book
Level 2
Guided Reading Level: K

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Gentoo penguins
Antarctica



- Penguins, with their black and white “tuxedo” look and funny way of walking, are popular animals often featured in movies, television, and cartoons. They are most often shown in snowy locations, but not all penguins live in the snow.



★ Some types of penguins live in much warmer places. These African penguins, for example, live on the sunny beaches of South Africa.

Where else do penguins live?

Rockhopper penguin





- The Earth is a sphere which is often divided on maps by an imaginary line called the **equator** (ee-QUAY-tore). Everything located south of the **equator** is in the Southern Hemisphere (HEM-iss-feer). This is where almost all penguins live. It is extremely rare to find a penguin in the Northern Hemisphere.

Polar bears
Arctic



- ★ Polar bears and penguins are sometimes shown together in movies and cartoons. But in real life, these animals will never meet. Penguins live south of the **equator**. Polar bears live far north of the equator.

Gentoo penguins
Antarctica





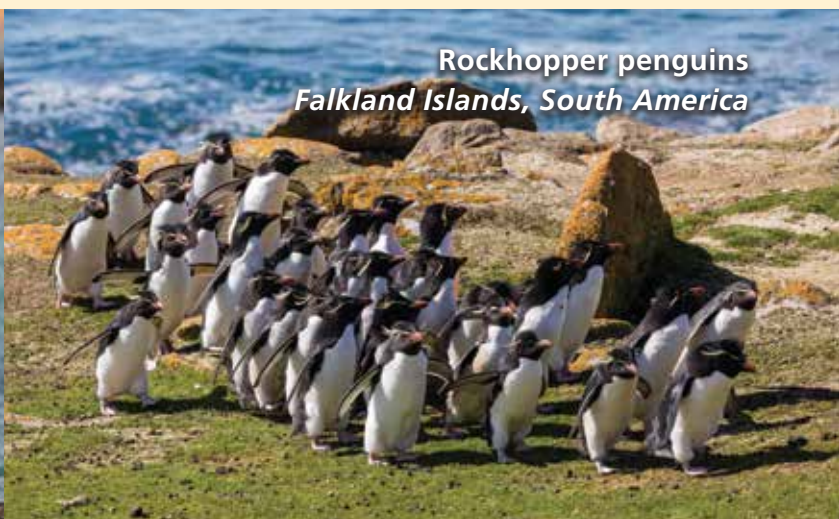
Emperor penguins
Antarctica

- There are eight types of penguins that live in the ice and snow of Antarctica. Perhaps the most recognizable species is the mighty emperor penguin.

Several other types of penguins live where it is much warmer. Galapagos (ge-LAP-e-gose) penguins live in the warmest climate. They can be found on islands off the **ocean** coast of Ecuador (EH-kwi-dore) in South America. Temperatures here can reach 80 degrees.



Galapagos penguin
*Galapagos Islands,
Ecuador*



Rockhopper penguins
Falkland Islands, South America



- ★ All penguins live near the **ocean**. They spend most of their time in the water. This is where they look for and find the food they eat. Penguins eat krill, squid, and fish.

Bigfin reef squid



Antarctic krill



Krill swarm



- A single krill is no bigger than a fingernail, so a penguin must eat a lot of them to make a meal. Fortunately, krill travel in swarms—sometimes made up of several million of them!

Penguins often dive deep to find their food. While humans can dive no more than 60 feet without special equipment, an emperor penguin can dive down more than 1,500 feet. That's like taking an elevator from the top of a 100-story skyscraper all the way down to the ground floor!

Emperor penguin





Humboldt penguin swallowing a fish

★ People who study penguins have discovered they have very little sense of taste. It doesn't seem to matter because they swallow their food whole.

Penguins have small spines inside their mouth and on their tongue. These are called papillae (pe-PILL-lay). The spines grip a slippery fish and send it down the throat.

Humboldt penguin



Papillae