

WORLD PENGUIN DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Penguin Day happens on or around April 25th each year. This is the time when millions of penguins migrate north. Unlike other birds that migrate each year, penguins do not fly. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new home and breeding grounds. It's a long journey across the ice. Perhaps you saw an example of the migration in the movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people believe there are penguins at the North Pole, but this is not true. Penguins hold a special place in our hearts. Children love looking at these lovable birds in zoos and aquariums. There are about twenty different species of penguin around the world. They are unique because they do not fear humans, but they rarely get closer than three metres to a person.

There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing is to donate some money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful creatures. Some penguins are endangered and need our help to survive. There are also fun things that penguin lovers around the world do. For example, why not wear clothes with penguin colours? If you do this with a group of friends, you could make your very own penguin colony. There are plenty of penguin websites on the Internet for you to find out some more information on penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site even has live web cams to view penguins around the world. Alternatively, you could rent 'March of the Penguins' from your video store. Happy World Penguin Day.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. World Penguin Day happens on | a. place in our hearts |
| 2. millions of penguins migrate | b. do not fear humans |
| 3. It's a long | c. or around April 25th |
| 4. Penguins hold a special | d. species of penguin |
| 5. There are about twenty different | e. north |
| 6. They are unique because they | f. journey across the ice |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. donate some | a. endangered |
| 2. Some penguins are | b. colony |
| 3. wear clothes with | c. around the world |
| 4. penguin | d. of penguin websites |
| 5. There are plenty | e. money to a charity |
| 6. live web cams to view penguins | f. penguin colours |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Penguin Day happens _____ April 25th each year. This is the time when millions of penguins migrate north. _____ birds that migrate each year, penguins do not fly. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new home and breeding grounds. It's _____ across the ice. Perhaps you saw an example of the migration in the movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people _____ penguins at the North Pole, but this is not true. Penguins hold a special place in our hearts. Children love looking _____ birds in zoos and aquariums. There are about twenty different species of penguin around the world. They are unique because they do not fear humans, but they _____ than three metres to a person.

There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing is _____ money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful creatures. Some penguins are endangered and _____ survive. There are also fun things that penguin lovers around the world do. For example, _____ clothes with penguin colours? If you do this with a group of friends, you could _____ own penguin colony. There are plenty of penguin websites on the Internet for you to find out some more information on penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site _____ web cams to view penguins around the world. Alternatively, _____ 'March of the Penguins' from your video store. Happy World Penguin Day.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Penguin Day _____ on or around April 25th each year. This is the time when millions of penguins _____ north. Unlike other birds that migrate each year, penguins do not fly. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new home and breeding _____. It's a long journey across the ice. Perhaps you saw an _____ of the migration in the movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people believe there are penguins at the North Pole, but this is not true. Penguins hold a special _____ in our hearts. Children love looking at these lovable birds in zoos and aquariums. There are about twenty different _____ of penguin around the world. They are _____ because they do not fear humans, but they rarely get _____ than three metres to a person.

example
species
happens
grounds
unique
migrate
closer
place

There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing is to _____ some money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful _____. Some penguins are endangered and need our help to survive. There are also fun things that penguin _____ around the world do. For example, why not wear clothes with penguin _____? If you do this with a group of friends, you could make your very own penguin colony. There are _____ of penguin websites on the Internet for you to find out some more information on penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site _____ has live web cams to _____ penguins around the world. Alternatively, you could _____ 'March of the Penguins' from your video store. Happy World Penguin Day.

creatures
plenty
view
donate
colours
rent
lovers
even

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

World Penguin Day happens on or *below / around* April 25th each year. This is the time when millions of penguins *migrate / migration* north. Unlike other birds that migrate each year, penguins do not fly. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new home and *bleeding / breeding* grounds. It's a long journey across the ice. Perhaps you saw an *example / sample* of the migration in the movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people believe there are penguins at the North Pole, but this is not *true / truth*. Penguins hold a special place in our hearts. Children love looking at these *love / lovable* birds in zoos and aquariums. There are about twenty different *specifics / species* of penguin around the world. They are unique because they do not fear humans, but they *rarely / rare* get closer than three metres to a person.

There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing is to *donate / donation* some money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful *creature / creatures*. Some penguins are endangered and need our help to survive. There are also fun things that penguin *lovers / loving* around the world do. For example, why not wear clothes with penguin colours? If you do this with a group of *friends / friend*, you could make your very own penguin colony. There are plenty of penguin websites *in / on* the Internet for you to find out some more information *in / on* penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site even has *alive / live* web cams to view penguins around the world. Alternatively, you could rent 'March of the Penguins' from your *video / videoed* store. Happy World Penguin Day.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Penguin Day happens on or around April 25th (1) ____ year. This is the time when millions of penguins migrate north. Unlike other birds that migrate each year, penguins do not (2) _____. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new home and breeding grounds. It's a long journey across the ice. Perhaps you saw an example of the migration in (3) ____ movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people believe there are penguins at the North Pole, but this is not (4) _____. Penguins hold a special place in our hearts. Children love looking at these (5) ____ birds in zoos and aquariums. There are about twenty different species of penguin around the world. They are unique because they do not (6) _____ humans, but they rarely get closer than three metres to a person.

There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing (7) _____ to donate some money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful creatures. Some penguins are endangered and need our help to survive. There are also fun things that penguin (8) _____ around the world do. For example, why not wear clothes with penguin colours? If you do this with a group of friends, you could make your very own penguin (9) _____. There are plenty of penguin websites (10) _____ the Internet for you to find out some more information on penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site even has (11) _____ web cams to view penguins around the world. Alternatively, you could rent 'March of the Penguins' (12) _____ your video store. Happy World Penguin Day.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) per | (b) all | (c) each | (d) any |
| 2. | (a) fly | (b) flight | (c) flown | (d) flew |
| 3. | (a) any | (b) the | (c) an | (d) a |
| 4. | (a) truth | (b) truly | (c) true | (d) truths |
| 5. | (a) lover | (b) loves | (c) love | (d) lovable |
| 6. | (a) fear | (b) afraid | (c) fearsome | (d) fearful |
| 7. | (a) am | (b) is | (c) for | (d) so |
| 8. | (a) loves | (b) loving | (c) lovable | (d) lovers |
| 9. | (a) colony | (b) colonial | (c) colonialism | (d) colonel |
| 10. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) alive | (b) live | (c) life | (d) living |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) to | (d) from |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. penguins griemta north
2. bedgreni grounds
3. a long joenryu
4. a aspielc place in our hearts
5. different eiecsps of penguin
6. get roecls than three metres

Paragraph 2

7. tendoa some money
8. beautiful cuarerste
9. need our help to viursve
10. penguin svelro
11. ynptle of penguin websites
12. web samc

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () home and breeding grounds. It's a long journey across the ice. Perhaps you saw an example
- () There are many things you can do on World Penguin Day. Perhaps the best thing is to donate some
- (**1**) World Penguin Day happens on or around April 25th each year. This is the time when millions of penguins migrate
- () of the migration in the movie 'Happy Feet'. Many people believe there are penguins at the North Pole, but this is not
- () money to a charity that helps protect these beautiful creatures. Some penguins are endangered and need our help to
- () on penguins. My favourite is PenguinGeek. This site even has live web cams to view penguins around the
- () clothes with penguin colours? If you do this with a group of friends, you could make your very own penguin
- () world. Alternatively, you could rent 'March of the Penguins' from your video store. Happy World Penguin Day.
- () north. Unlike other birds that migrate each year, penguins do not fly. Instead, they walk, or waddle to their new
- () true. Penguins hold a special place in our hearts. Children love looking at these lovable birds in zoos and
- () colony. There are plenty of penguin websites on the Internet for you to find out some more information
- () survive. There are also fun things that penguin-lovers around the world do. For example, why not wear
- () humans, but they rarely get closer than three metres to a person.
- () aquariums. There are about twenty different species of penguin around the world. They are unique because they do not fear

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. time the north migrate penguins of millions when

2. a journey the It's long across ice

3. people at believe the there North are Pole penguins

4. twenty about are There penguin of species different

5. get three a rarely than to they closer metres person

6. a to money some donate charity

7. our penguins endangered need help are and

8. own very your make could you colony penguin

9. some information penguins out more on find

10. web world the around penguins view to cams

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

THE WORLD PENGUIN DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Penguin Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about World Penguin Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Penguin Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about World Penguin Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.