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Watching wildlife



cameraman



lay eggs



balance



hatch



chick



feed

Reading

1 06 Read and listen.



March of the Penguins

In 2003, two French cameramen went to Antarctica to film emperor penguins for a year. Their fantastic film is called *March of the Penguins*.

Emperor penguins are amazing birds. They go on a very long and difficult journey every year. Hundreds of penguins get together and walk more than one hundred kilometres across the ice. They walk until they find a safe place for the mothers to lay eggs.

After they lay their eggs, the mothers give them to the fathers to look after. Then they walk back to the sea to find food for their new chicks. The fathers stay with the eggs. They balance the eggs carefully on their feet, because it is too cold on the ice. The fathers wait for sixty-four days for the eggs to hatch. They stand close together to keep warm in the snow and icy wind.

The mothers come back with food after two months. They feed the chicks while the fathers walk to the sea and back to find food for themselves. The parents make several journeys to find food until the chicks are about four months old. After that, the parents leave the chicks to look after themselves and return to the sea.

March of the Penguins is a very famous film. Lots of people all over the world went to watch it at the cinema. It's a documentary, but it's a wonderful story, too.



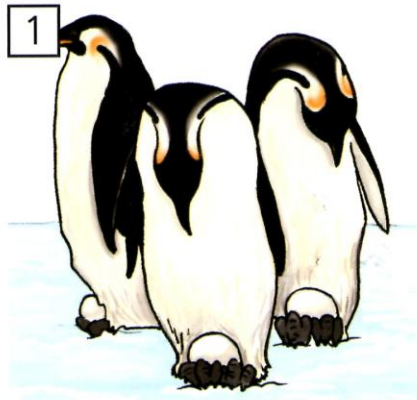
Comprehension

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

feed film find leave wait walk

- 1 The cameramen went to Antarctica to film penguins.
- 2 The penguins _____ more than 100 kilometres to find a safe place.
- 3 The fathers _____ sixty-four days for the eggs to hatch.
- 4 The mothers go to the sea to _____ food for the chicks.
- 5 The mothers return from the sea and _____ the chicks.
- 6 The parents _____ the chicks when they are about four months old.

3 Write a sentence from exercise 2 for each picture.



4 Match the questions and the answers.

- 1 How many cameramen went to Antarctica?
- 2 How far do the penguins walk?
- 3 How long do the fathers wait for the eggs to hatch?
- 4 How long do the mothers go away for?
- 5 How old are the chicks when their parents return to the sea?

Sixty-four days.

Four months.

One hundred kilometres.

Two.

Two months.

Vocabulary

5 Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

~~hatches~~ feed chick balance cameramen documentary journey lay

- 1 When an egg hatches, a chick comes out.
- 2 Female birds and fish _____ eggs when they push them from their bodies.
- 3 When you give food to someone, you _____ them.
- 4 When you _____ something, you put it somewhere carefully so it doesn't fall.
- 5 _____ use cameras to make films.
- 6 A _____ is a baby bird.
- 7 A _____ is a film about real life.
- 8 When you travel from one place to another, you make a _____.

6 Complete the text with the words in the box.

birds cartoon channel chicks documentary
hatch lay mother night ~~wildlife~~ fathers

I like watching TV shows about ¹ wildlife because I love animals. Last night, I watched a ² _____ about ostriches.

Ostriches are very big ³ _____. They live in hot countries. The father ostriches make a hole in the sand. The ⁴ _____ ostriches ⁵ _____ their eggs in the hole. Ostrich eggs are the biggest eggs in the world.

The mothers sit on the eggs in the day and the ⁶ _____ sit on the eggs at ⁷ _____. When the eggs ⁸ _____, the fathers look after the ⁹ _____.

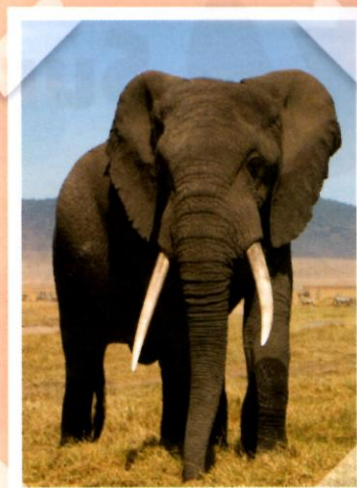
It was a great programme, but I didn't see it all. My brother changed the ¹⁰ _____ because he wanted to watch a ¹¹ _____.



Writing

Elephants

I once saw a documentary on TV about elephants. It was very interesting. I learned that female elephants live in families, but male elephants leave the family. The males are unfriendly, they live on their own. When a family gets very big, some of the young females make a new group. They all care for the baby elephants. Elephants are very unusual animals because they can use their noses to listen. They put their noses, or trunks, on the ground to hear sounds from a long way away. I saw this in the documentary too. They also use their trunks to make noises to communicate with other elephants.



7 Read the sentences and circle.

- 1 Chameleons are *usual* / unusual animals because they change colour.
- 2 Zoos are very *popular* / *unpopular* in Britain – lots of people visit them.
- 3 Something that doesn't make you laugh is *funny* / *unfunny*.
- 4 If you cry a lot you are *happy* / *unhappy*.
- 5 Sleeping on the floor is *comfortable* / *uncomfortable*.
- 6 Be careful with strange dogs as they can be *friendly* / *unfriendly*.
- 7 I am so *lucky* / *unlucky* – I am going on holiday tomorrow!
- 8 I love animal documentaries, they are *interesting* / *uninteresting*.
- 9 Caring for animals in danger is *important* / *unimportant*.

8 Write about a film or a book about animals in your notebook. Use these facts about gorillas or write about your favourite animal.

look unfriendly – are usually very gentle

live in family groups – strongest male looks after the group

clever – learn things easily

unusual – use sticks and rocks to do different jobs



Use these words and phrases.

- I once saw / read ...
- I learned that ...
- ... unusual animals because ...