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- 43 The penguins kept warm by joining in a huddle,
54 It almost seemed as if they were in a big cuddle.
63 The bitter wind swirled as time ticked slowly by,
70 Snowflakes drifted softly from the winter sky.
- 81 At last a little tap tap and then a bigger crack,
90 A little beak poked and pushed out her back.
100 She looked up at Dad with wonder in her eyes,
110 Then toppled off her feet with a cry of surprise.



Questions



1. Where is the story set?



2. Number the events from 1–3 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ A little beak poked
☐ The bitter wind swirled
☐ Then toppled off her feet



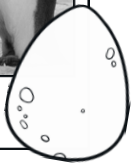
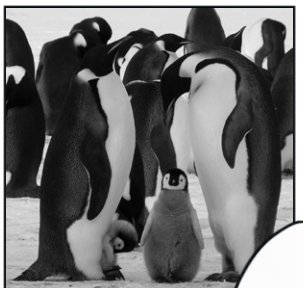
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Answers



1. Where is the story set?

The story is set in Antarctica.



2. Number the events from 1–3 to show the order that they happened in.

2 A little beak poked

1 The bitter wind swirled

3 Then toppled off her feet



3. What have you learnt about penguins in the poem?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I have learnt that eggs are looked after on the dad's feet and kept warm by all the penguins huddling up against the cold winter.



4. Which is your favourite part of the poem? Explain why.

Pupils' own responses, such as: My favourite part of the poem is when Prue falls off her Dad's feet as it is funny.