

Starter Paper

Penguins on Ice

Every penguin's mum
can toboggan on her tum.
She can only do that
as she's fluffy and fat:

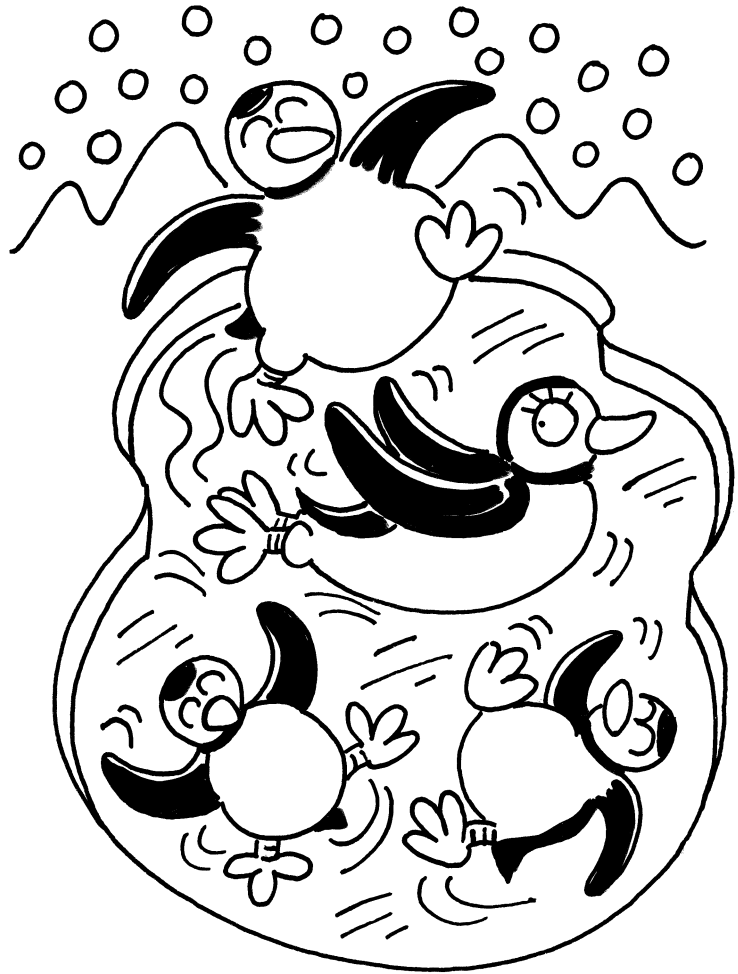
*It must be nice
to live on ice.*

Every penguin's dad
is happy and glad.
He can slip and slide
and swim and glide:

*It must be nice
to live on ice.*

All penguin chicks
do slippery tricks.
They waddle and fall
but don't mind at all:

*It must be nice
to live on ice.*



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'Penguins on Ice', first published in *Wacky Wild Animals*, ed. Brian Moses, Macmillan Children's Books (2000).

Underline the right answers.

- 1 Which penguins slip and slide on the ice?
(mums, dads, chicks)
- 2 What do penguin chicks do on the ice?
(toboggan, swim, tricks)

2

Answer these questions.

- 3 Find a word in the poem that rhymes with **slide**.

- 4 What would you enjoy doing on the ice? Why?

2

Read these sentences. Write whether they happened in the past or are happening in the present.

- 5 Jake threw the ball. _____
- 6 Amy is writing a story. _____
- 7 Matilda is eating her breakfast. _____
- 8 Todd slipped on the ice. _____

4

Copy these sentences. Add the missing capital letters and full stops.

- 9-10 the children enjoyed riding the horses

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11–12 the dog ran in the park

2

Write two words for each set of double letters.

13–14 ss _____

15–16 ll _____

4

Write a synonym for each word.

17 giggle _____

18 tiny _____

19 unhappy _____

20 tall _____

4

20
TOTAL

Answers

- 1 dads
- 2 tricks
- 3 glide
- 4 [*answer stating what they would enjoy doing on ice and why*]
- 5 past
- 6 present
- 7 present
- 8 past
- 9–10
The children enjoyed riding the horses.
- 11–12
The dog ran in the park.
- 13–14
e.g. kiss, miss
- 15–16
e.g. fill, bill
- 17 e.g. laugh
- 18 e.g. small
- 19 e.g. sad
- 20 e.g. high