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# PENGUIN FACT PAIRS

PART OF THE PENGUINS THEMED PROGRAMME



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Penguins are fascinating creatures. Learn more about them by playing a game of penguin fact pairs. What will you learn?

Download and print the penguin fact pairs template. You'll need to cut out each penguin, so you have 18 cards in total. Mix these up and spread them out, face down on the floor. Before playing, ask the group what they already know about penguins (the colour of them, where they live, how they walk etc).

Children can either play individually or in small teams. One at a time, they should take it in turns to turn over two cards, trying to get a matching pair. If the cards don't match, they should be turned back over. If two cards do match, then that child / team should keep the cards and a leader should read out the fact from the fact sheet (fact numbers match the numbers on the penguin's heads). At the end of the game, the child/team with the most pairs is the winner. Finish by testing the group's knowledge on some of the penguin facts you have shared throughout the game.

**Virtual:** Number the backs of the cards and show them using a second device (phone). Children can call out the numbers of the cards they wish you to turn over for them.



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Penguin Fact Pairs Template
- Penguin Facts Sheet



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Maintain social distancing as required. When using shared equipment, hands should be cleaned both before and after the activity.





# PENGUIN PAIRS - FACTS

Play penguin pairs. As a pair is found, read out the fact that matches the number on the penguin's head.

**Fact 1:** Penguins mostly eat fish and other small animals that they can find in the water.

**Fact 2:** Most penguins live in the southern hemisphere - that's the bottom half of the Earth.

**Fact 3:** To stay warm, many penguins will huddle together. As many as 5,000 penguins will bunch together to warm each other up.

**Fact 4:** There are 17 different kinds (species) of penguins in the world.

**Fact 5:** Penguins are birds but they cannot fly.

**Fact 6:** When a penguin wishes to move quickly across the ice, they can be seen falling onto their bellies and using their arms to propel them over the surface. (Give it a try!)

**Fact 7:** Penguins waddle when they walk because they have short legs. It would be like you walking on your knees. (Give it a try!)

**Fact 8:** Penguins mate for life. This means they have an exclusive partner and stay with them. Penguins also have a unique call meaning they can find their partner or baby by calling out and listening for a reply.

**Fact 9:** Penguins have lots of fun! Some penguins will slide down the ice into the water, just for the fun of it. Penguins have also been known to surf on waves to the shore - just like you might do on a bodyboard when on your summer holidays!