

Macaroni Penguin

Website: <https://www.cuteness.com/article/macaroni-penguin-kids>

Live Camera: <https://tnaqua.org/animal/macaroni-penguin/>

Macaroni penguins are the most abundant of the different penguin species in the world. They are easily identified by the yellow hairs on the top of their heads. But be careful! This penguin looks a lot like the Royal penguin. The big difference is that the Macaroni penguin has a black face, and the Royal penguin has a white face.

Now visit the website. Look at the first paragraph that begins with “Macaroni penguins inhabit a number of islands...”:

- 1) Where do Macaroni penguins live?
 - a. In my house
 - b. Near Antarctica
 - c. North Pole
 - d. Along the equator

- 2) What are two threats to Macaroni penguins that come from human beings? (**More than one**).
 - a. Leopard seals
 - b. Commercial fishing
 - c. Oil pollution
 - d. Sea lions

Go to this section: Appearance

- 3) What other penguin can be confused with the Macaroni penguin?
 - a. Royal penguin
 - b. Emperor penguin
 - c. Antarctic penguin
 - d. Rockhopper penguin

- 4) About how does this penguin weigh?
 - a. Five pounds
 - b. Seven pounds
 - c. Nine pounds
 - d. Eleven pounds

Go to this section: Name

- 5) How did this penguin get its name?
 - a. No one knows
 - b. It was named after a hat
 - c. It was named after the food
 - d. It was named after the explorer who found them

- 6) True or false. The song “Yankee Doodle” was partly about the Macaroni penguin.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. What’s a Doodle?

Go to this section: **Breeding**

- 7) Where do Macaroni penguins lay their eggs?
 - a. On the ground
 - b. In trees
 - c. In caves
 - d. On sandy beaches

- 8) About how many eggs do Macaroni penguins lay?
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Four

Go to this section: **Food**

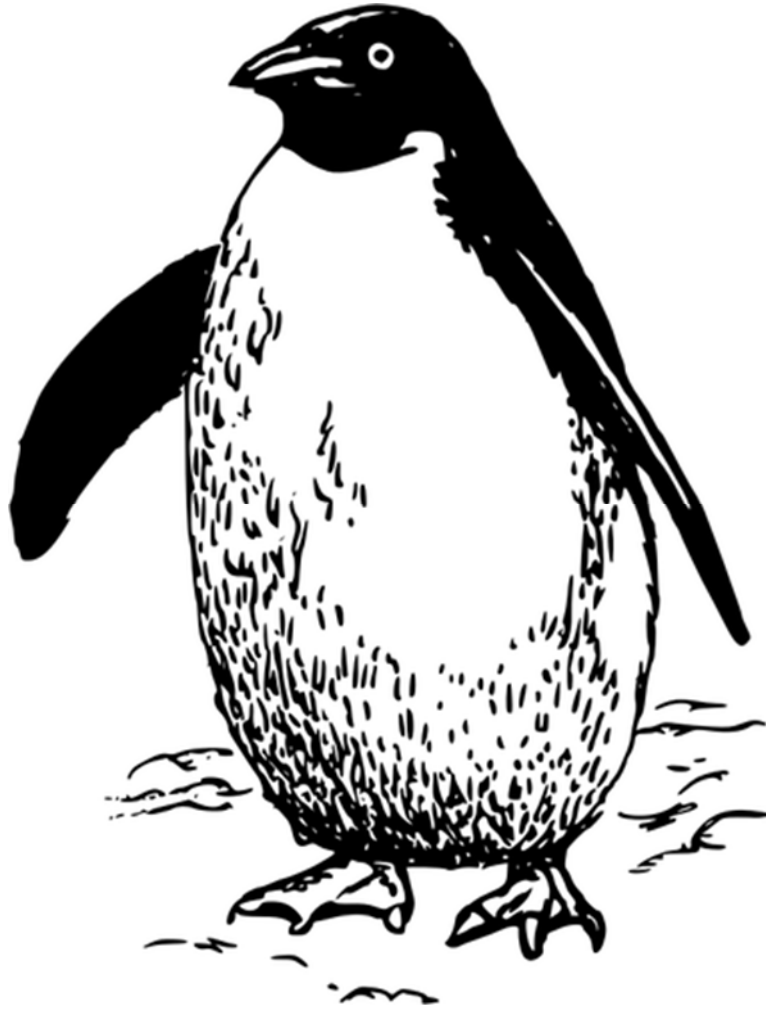
- 9) What are some foods that the Macaroni penguin eats? (**circle many.**)
 - a. Baby sharks
 - b. Squid
 - c. Small fish
 - d. Polar bear fur
 - e. Krill

- 10) True or False. Macaroni penguins can see well.
 - a. They don't even have eyes!
 - b. True
 - c. False

- 11) Why don't Macaroni penguins eat while they are molting?
 - a. They can't swim
 - b. They can't fly
 - c. They would freeze in the water
 - d. They are too slow without feathers

Now visit the live camera at the Tennessee Zoo. In one good sentence, explain what some of the penguins are doing.

Color in this penguin. Give it a name, an age, and a favorite ocean treat.



Your animal's name _____

Your animal's Age _____

What country does your animal live in? _____

Is it a Macaroni penguin or another kind? _____

Answer Key

- 1 B
- 2 B, C
- 3 B
- 4 D
- 5 B
- 6 A
- 7 A
- 8 B
- 9 B, C, E
- 10 B
- 11 C

Glossary

Abundant (Uh-bun-dunt)	A lot, numerous, many
Commercial (Kah-mer-shal)	Fish that are caught to sell for food
Krill (Kril)	Tiny ocean animal that feeds many other animals, like whales and penguins
Molting (Mole-ting)	When an animal loses its feather or fur for a short period of time. This happens on purpose.