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This Is a Penguin

Plants and animals have special adaptations (ad-ap-toy-shuns) that help them survive, or live, in their environment. Study the diagram of an emperor penguin below. Learn about the adaptations that help these birds live in cold and icy Antarctica. Then answer the questions.

Bill A penguin's bill, or beak, is pointed at the end. Penguins use their beaks to catch food.

Wings A penguin can't fly. Its wings are like flippers, or paddles. They help the animal swim.

Tail

Head

Brood pouch A female emperor penguin lays one egg. Male penguins stay with the egg until the chick hatches. Then the female penguin takes over. Both penguins balance the egg, and then the chick, on their feet. A pouch of feathered skin hangs over the egg and the chick to keep it warm.

Feet Penguins have webbed feet. These help them swim.

1. True or false: Emperor penguins live in a warm environment.
3. Name two body parts that help the emperor penguin swim.
