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Vocabulary • Context Clues

- Sometimes you come across a word you don't know. The author may give you a clue about its meaning. The clue may be a **synonym**, a word that means the same thing.
- Look for **synonyms** to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Directions Read the sentences. One word is underlined. Circle the synonym of the underlined word. Write the meaning of the underlined word on the line.

1. The chick pecks at the inside of the egg. After the chick taps a hole in the egg, the chick can leave the egg.

to strike at something with a beak

2. She made an error in her spelling, so she fixed the mistake.

something that is done wrong

3. Joe can put on his flippers or his fins to swim quickly.

broad, flat body parts used for swimming

4. Penguins preen their chicks by cleaning and brushing them with their beaks.

to smooth with a beak; to dress or groom carefully

5. The penguin chick must stay on its mother's feet to remain warm.

continue to be

6. Penguins hunt creatures of the sea, such as the tiny animals called krill.

any living person or animal

7. The newborn chick was very fluffy, with soft and fuzzy feathers all over it.

covered with soft feathers or hair

8. Like human children who love hugs, penguin chicks love to cuddle.

to lie close and comfortably



Home Activity Your child used context clues such as synonyms to figure out the meaning of new words. Read a story together and encourage your child to find synonyms in the text that help to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.