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Vocabulary

Directions Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Write the word on the line.

Check the Words You Know

___blubber

___brood patch

___crest

___down

___incubate

___molt

___rookery

- Emperor penguins choose to **incubate** their eggs during the winter.
- Large groups of penguins gather in a **rookery** to raise their young.
- A penguin's **blubber** stores energy and helps protect the penguin from cold weather.
- Fluffy inner feathers known as **down** trap air to keep penguins warm.
- Penguins **molt** when their old feathers get worn out.
- Male penguins have a featherless area of skin known as a **brood patch**, which warms their eggs.
- Some penguins have a **crest** that sticks up from their heads.

Directions Use the context clues in the above sentences to define these words.

- molt **lose old feathers**
- rookery **a place where groups of birds gather to raise their young**
- blubber **a layer that protects animals from the cold**