

Teaching First-Grade **Nonfiction Text Features** Using *It's a Penguin!* from the **Bumba Books™** — **Polar Animals Series**

Features that help students understand how an informational text is organized:

FEATURE

Title page

Chapter name/heading/subheading

Page number

Glossary

Index

PURPOSE

Confirms title, author's name, and publisher

Helps students identify a main topic on a quick pass through the text

Helps students with sequence of ideas and aids in using the index

Defines new and important words

Lists the main ideas in the text, with page numbers to help students find them

Visual aids that help students understand informational texts:

VISUAL AID

Photo, drawing, or illustration

Diagram

PURPOSE

Shows how something in the text looked or might have looked

Gives a more detailed view of a complex topic

Features that point out important or additional information:

FEATURE

Label

PURPOSE

Identifies important points of interest in a diagram or photograph



TITLE

AUTHOR

TITLE PAGE: This is the first page of the book. It tells you what the name, or title, of the book is. It also tells you who wrote the book. This person is called the author.

TEXT OR MAIN TEXT:

The words on a page that describe the main ideas of the book. Main text is usually smaller than chapter titles or headings.

PAGE NUMBERS:

Page numbers are in the lower corner of most pages in a book. They tell you how far along you are in the book. They also help you find information from the index.



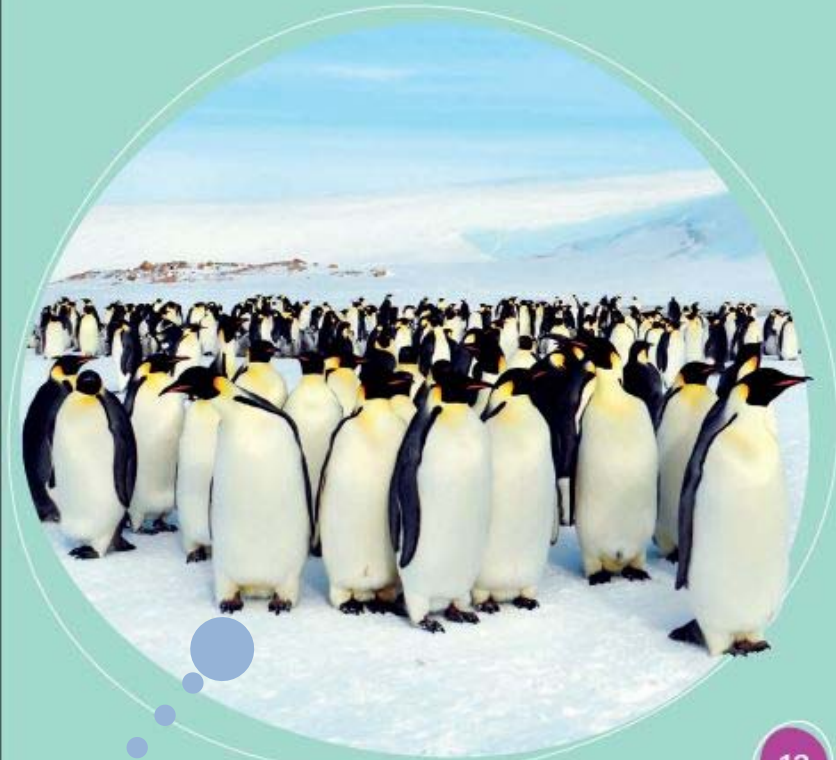
Emperor penguins live in Antarctica. They are the largest penguins.



Thick feathers keep a penguin warm.
Penguins also huddle in groups
for warmth.

Why do you
think huddling
in groups keeps
penguins warm?

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PHOTOS:

The photos or pictures in a book show what the words, or text, describe. Looking at photos can help you understand the meaning of the text.



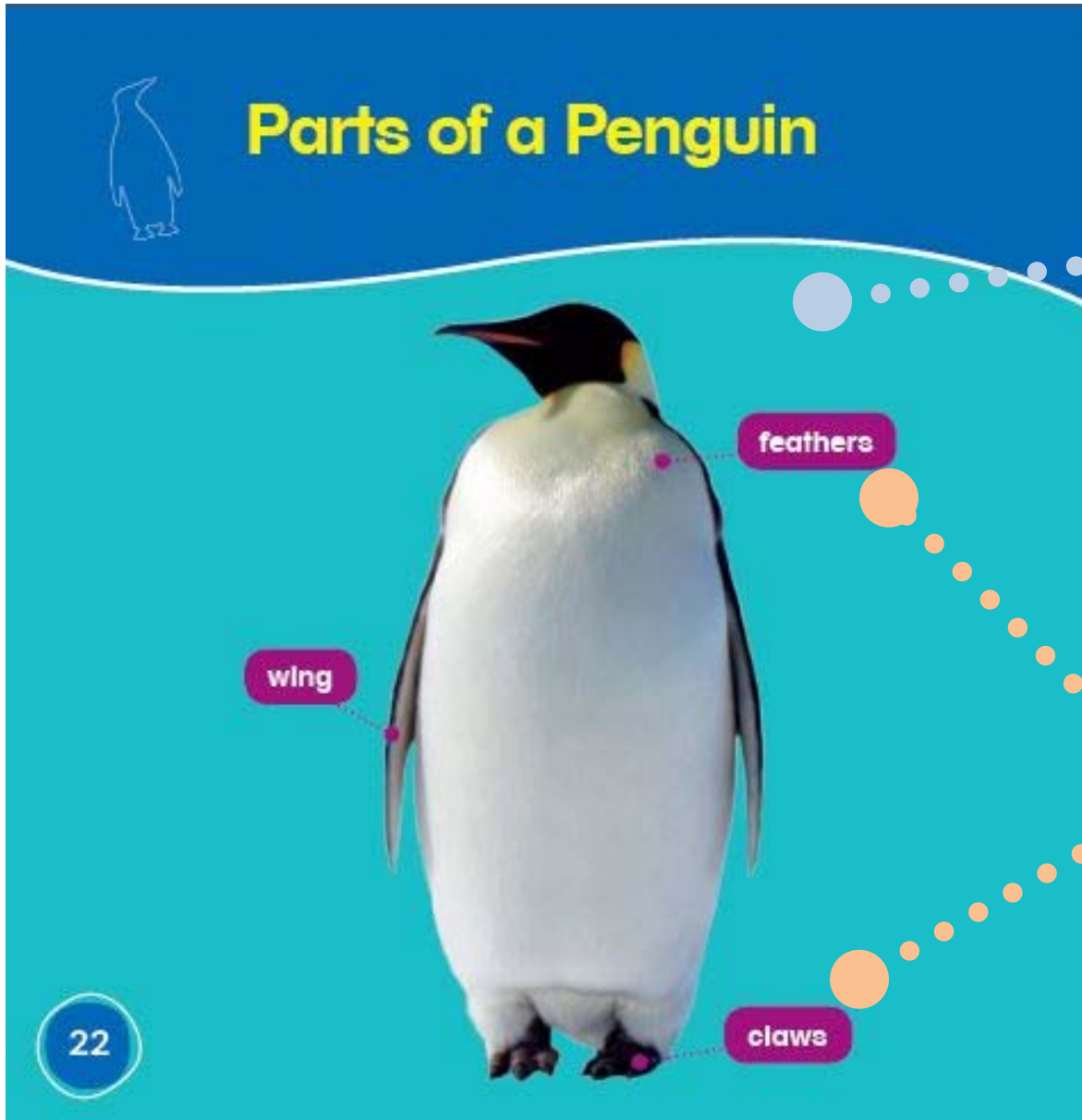


DIAGRAM: A diagram is a type of drawing or labeled photograph. It may show details or parts of an object or explain how something works.

LABELS: These words are part of a diagram. They point out important parts of the object being shown.

GLOSSARY:

This list calls out the important words in a book. The glossary proves the meaning, or definition, of the word. You can find the glossary near the end of the book.

GLOSSARY WORD

DEFINITION

Picture Glossary

dive



to go underwater

hatches



breaks out of an egg

huddle



to gather in a group

prey



an animal that is hunted and eaten by other animals



HEADINGS: These words separate your book into parts. Headings are usually in bigger type and are at the top of a page. A heading tells you what's to come in that part of the book.

INDEX: This list at the end of a book follows the order of the alphabet. The index helps you find main ideas. The words in the index are followed by page numbers. These numbers tell you where to go in the book to find the main ideas.