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Tara was so passionate about her climate change actions that even when she slept, she dreamed of animals that might cease to exist. Soon, Tara fell into a deep slumber and found herself on an ice-free rocky coastline of the Antarctic continent. As she looked around, she saw a penguin waddling by. Tara greeted

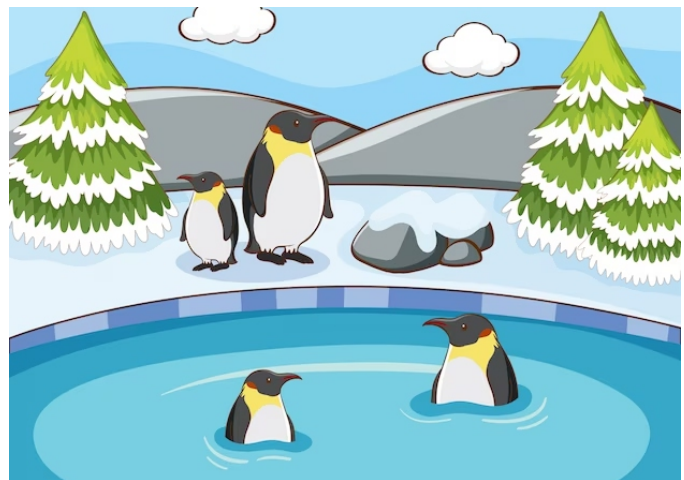
Hi!
I am Tara



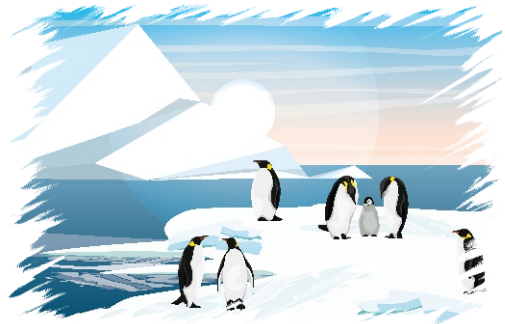
the penguin, and the penguin stopped. The penguin introduced itself as an Adelie Penguin. He said that he was there for the summer, and as winter approached and the sea froze, he moved north to look for food in the open ocean. Adelie proudly told her that he was the smallest penguin and named after the wife of a French Antarctic explorer.



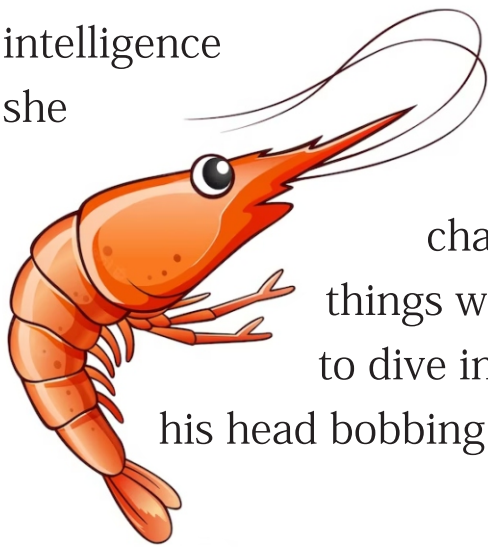
Tara noticed that Adelie had a distinctive white ring around the eye and a red bill. Of course, all penguins have black and white plumage, webbed feet, and a thick layer of fat to keep them warm. Adelie told Tara that he could dive 574 feet into the sea to look for food – fish, squid, and other crustaceans, with krill being his primary food source. Tara was amazed to learn that Adelie ate snow instead of drinking water! Adelie told Tara that he was a friendly and sociable animal and lived in huge colonies with millions of other penguins.



Suddenly, Adelie's face was clouded with a sad expression. He felt threatened due to the warming of the Earth's surface. Tara knew that all penguins depended on ice – and ice was melting. Adelie said that he was a good indicator of climate change, as scientists had been tracking him. He further explained that scientists had observed that he and others like him were now nesting on coasts that were ice-free due to global warming, coasts that were previously covered with ice.



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Tara admired the scientists for their and dedication. Tara assured Adelie that was already holding meetings to raise awareness about the ill-effects of climate change. Adelie looked hopeful, believing that things would change for the better, and waddled off to dive into the sea in search of krill. Tara could see his head bobbing in the distant blue seawater.



New Words

1. **Slumber**- a deep sleep
2. **Waddle**- to walk with short steps while rocking from side to side
3. **Plumage**- the feathers of a bird

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

Comprehension

1. Where did Tara find herself in her dream?
2. Whom did Tara meet on the rocky coastline?
3. What is Adelie's primary food source?
4. How does Adelie obtain water?
5. How deep can Adelie dive into the sea?
6. How did the Adelie Penguin get its name?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

Prompts Pair up

1. Penguin Feeding Game

- a. Place a small bucket or container at a short distance from you and your partner.
- b. Each of you will take turns tossing small bean bags or soft balls, representing fish or krill, into the bucket. The player with the most successful throws wins.

2. Make an Adelie Penguin Mask

- a. Grab some black and white construction paper or cardstock, scissors, glue, and a piece of string or elastic. Cut out the shape of the Adelie penguin's face from the black

paper, including the eyes.

- b. Cut out a white oval shape from the white paper to fit the centre of the black face shape. Glue the white oval onto the black face shape.
- c. Attach a piece of string or elastic to the sides of the mask. Wear the mask and waddle around like an Adelie penguin with your partner!

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on Adelie
Penguins using
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