



AF'sD



Brainstorm as many facts as you can think of about them...



Watch a video...

- Newly discovered colony of penguins with an unusual ability.
- Write down a prediction as to what the ability may be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dfWzp7rYR4>

Listening Task

Listen/watch the clip again and answer the following questions:

- a) How many species of penguins can fly?
- b) Why do penguins usually huddle together in winter?
- c) Where do the penguins fly to?
- d) What do they do there?

Listening - answers:

- a) How many species of penguins can fly? One
- b) Why do penguins usually huddle together in winter? To keep warm
- c) Where do the penguins fly to? (The rainforests of) South America
- d) What do they do there? Bask in the sun

Match the words and phrases below to their meaning:

1. Colony of penguins	a) To sit in the sun and enjoy it
2. Little fellas	b) (<i>slang</i>) Small people/animals
3. Rainforest	c) To group together, usually to keep warm
4. Huddle together	d) Something amazing that someone/something can do
5. Incredible ability	e) A group/family of penguins
6. Basking in the tropical sun	f) A tropical forest

Matching – answers:

1. Colony of penguins (e)	a) To sit in the sun and enjoy it
2. Little fellas (b)	b) (slang) small people/animals
3. Rainforest (f)	c) To group together, usually to keep warm
4. Huddle together (c)	d) Something amazing that someone/something can do
5. Incredible ability (d)	e) A group/family of penguins
6. Basking in the tropical sun (a)	f) A tropical forest

Discussion

Are you surprised by this new discovery?

What do you think the impacts of the discovery will be?

Have you ever heard of any other unusual animal abilities?

After the students have discussed these, get some feedback from them based on their opinions.

What day is on Friday?

April Fool's Day



Spoofs

- A **spoof** is a deception like the BBC documentary about flying penguins or a parody like the comedy series *The Office*.

The first famous spoof was a programme on Halloween in 1938. Orson Welles, the famous director and actor, adapted H.G. Well's story *The War of the Worlds* for the radio.

He introduced the play first but the rest of it sounded like real live radio with interruptions for new bulletins about the Martian invasion of the Earth.

Thousands of listeners were tricked and frightened because they thought it was real.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzhDsojoqk8>

Your culture



- In the UK, 1 April is April Fool's Day (a time for jokes and tricks) and, in the USA, 31 October is Halloween (a time for tricks and scaring people).
- What similar day is there in your country?
- Are spoof programmes ever shown on that day? Do people believe them?