

3. Answers will vary. The penguin has many birdlike characteristics and had ancestors with the ability to fly.

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1. Answers will vary. Students might list the penguin's feathers, beak, coloring, and claws as birdlike features.

2. Answers will vary. Unlike most birds, the penguin cannot fly.



1. Which characteristics of the penguins would you say are birdlike?
2. Based on what you know about penguins, do they have any characteristics that are not common to most birds?
3. If flight is an important characteristic of birds, why do you think penguins are classified as birds?