Mr. Popper’s Penguins
Chapters 1 - 4

1. What is Mr. Popper’s profession, or job?
   a. a house painter
   b. a dog walker
   c. a lawyer
   d. a scientist

2. What was Mr. Popper’s biggest regret?
   a. never going to college
   b. never having children
   c. never seeing the poles
   d. never having a pet

3. Would you say Mr. Popper was knowledgeable about the Poles? Why or why not?
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4. At the end of Chapter 1, Mrs. Popper was concerned that they would not have very much
   _____________ to last them through the winter.

5. Using Chapters 1 - 4, list three facts about penguins. Tell what page you found each fact on.
   • ____________________________________________________________ page: _____
   • ____________________________________________________________ page: _____
   • ____________________________________________________________ page: _____

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6. True or False. All penguins live at the North Pole. _________________

Explain: __________________________________________________________

7. At the end of Chapter 2, something unusual occurred when Mr. Popper turned on the Admiral Drake radio broadcast. What was it?

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8. Mr. Popper received a box in the mail, what did he discover was inside?
   a. a fish
   b. food for the winter
   c. a penguin
   d. a family of penguins

9. Mr. Popper’s visitor was very curious, what did he immediately start to do?
   a. inspect the house
   b. read the newspaper
   c. meet the neighbors
   d. question the kids

10. Who is Captain Cook?

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11. The Poppers thought Captain Cook might be hungry. After emptying out their refrigerator for him, what did he choose to eat?

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12. How long can a penguin go without food?

   a. a month           b. a week
   c. a year           d. a day

13. Where was Captain Cook’s new bedroom? Why did it need to be there?

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14. Penguins usually make nests out of _________________ and _________________, but Mr. Popper used _________________ for Captain Cook’s nest.

15. How do you think Mrs. Popper felt about having a penguin as a pet?

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ANSWER KEY

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1. What is Mr. Popper’s profession, or job?  a
   a. a house painter  b. a dog walker
   c. a lawyer  d. a scientist

2. What was Mr. Popper’s biggest regret?  c
   a. never going to college  b. never having children
   c. never seeing the poles  d. never having a pet

3. Would you say Mr. Popper was knowledgeable about the Poles? Why or why not?
   Yes, Mr. Popper was knowledgeable about the Poles because he was obsessed with finding out information on them. If there was a Polar movie in town he would be the first to see it, and he often watched it multiple times. He read every book in the library on the topic, and knew all of the Polar explorers.

4. At the end of Chapter 1, Mrs. Popper was concerned that they would not have very much money to last them through the winter.

5. Using Chapters 1 - 4, list three facts about penguins. Tell what page you found each fact on.
   - They don’t fly.  page: 11
   - They walk erect.  page: 11
   - They are very intelligent.  page: 12

*Note to teachers: Answers may vary slightly and page numbers may differ depending on the edition begin used.
6. True or False. All penguins live at the North Pole.  **False**

   Explain:  **All penguins live at the South Pole, and all polar bears live at the North Pole.**

7. At the end of Chapter 2, something unusual occurred when Mr. Popper turned on the Admiral Drake radio broadcast. What was it?

   **When Mr. Popper turned on the radio Admiral Drake spoke directly to Mr. Popper. He thanked him for his letters and told him that he would be receiving an answer, however, it would not be in the form of a letter. He needed to wait for a surprise.**

8. Mr. Popper received a box in the mail, what did he discover was inside?  **c**
   
   a. a fish  
   b. food for the winter  
   c. a **penguin**  
   d. a family of penguins

9. Mr. Popper’s visitor was very curious, what did he immediately start to do?  **a**
   
   a. **inspect the house**  
   b. read the newspaper  
   c. meet the neighbors  
   d. question the kids

10. Who is Captain Cook?

    **Captain Cook is the name Mr. Popper gave to the penguin that he received in the mail.**
11. The Poppers thought Captain Cook might be hungry. After emptying out their refrigerator for him, what did he choose to eat?

*After emptying the refrigerator Captain Cook decided he would rather eat the Popper’s pet goldfish on the dining room window sill.*

12. How long can a penguin go without food?  **a**

   a. a month  
   b. a week  
   c. a year  
   d. a day

13. Where was Captain Cook’s new bedroom? Why did it need to be there?

   *Captain Cook’s new bedroom was in the Popper’s refrigerator. It needed to be there because penguins have to live in a cold climate, and the Popper’s house was too warm.*

14. Penguins usually make nests out of **pebbles** and **stones**, but Mr. Popper used **ice cubes** for Captain Cook’s nest.

15. How do you think Mrs. Popper felt about having a penguin as a pet?

   *Initially, Mrs. Popper may not have been thrilled about the idea, but then she decided that Captain Cook was fairly well behaved, clean, and that perhaps he might be a good example for Mr. Popper and the children. Ultimately, she decided that she didn’t mind.*