



The Not-So-Perfect Penguin by Steve Smallman

These STEM focussed questions are designed to use alongside the questions you would usually ask when reading a story.

Before you start reading, you could ask:

- Where do you think penguins live?
- What is the weather like there?

While reading the story, you could ask:

Pages 1 and 2

- What is the weather like on the island?
- What would you wear to visit the island?
- Can you see any plants, trees or animals? Why not?

Pages 3 and 4

- What do you think penguins eat?
- Where do they get the fish from?
- How can Percy slide on his tummy?
- What is making the ground slippery?
- Have you ever slipped on ice?

Pages 5 and 6

- What do you think it feels like in the water?
- Why aren't the penguins cold?
- What is the penguin standing on?
- Have you ever seen an iceberg?
- What is an iceberg?

Pages 7 and 8

- Why do the penguins huddle together?



Pages 9 and 10

- What is that yellowy stuff?
- Have you ever heard of gas before?
- Can you see/touch/smell it?

Pages 11 and 12

- What do you think might happen to a penguin that leaves the huddle?
- Have you ever made or seen a snow person or snow animal?
- What happened to the snow person or animal?
- Why do you think this happened?

Pages 13 and 14

- Why do you think the penguins all walk in a line?

Pages 15 and 16

- What has happened to Percy?
- Why do you think this has happened?
- What can the penguins do to help him?

Pages 17 and 18

- Why did the snow begin to melt?
- What else could they have done to melt the ice?

Pages 19

- Do you think Percy will ever go off by himself again?
- Why does he need to stay with the other penguins?

After reading, you could ask:

- Would you like to visit the Antarctic? Why or why not?
- Would you like to go to a place where it is always winter?
- What do you think you would need to take with you and why?

