



## ANIMALS

# Happy feet

**A tiny penguin with damaged legs can walk again, thanks to some special trousers!**

This poor little penguin had trouble standing properly after his parents sat on him too hard when they were keeping him warm. As you can see, his legs were splayed out to each side.

Workers at the SEA LIFE centre where he lives discovered the problem when the chick was three weeks old. It was important to help the penguin as soon as possible. Penguin chicks grow fast. If he didn't get help quickly, the problem might become permanent.

Special trousers were made for the penguin out of elastic. The tight elastic helps the penguin keep his legs in the right place. The keepers have also been sitting him in a shallow pot to help his legs grow correctly!

Hopefully, the penguin will go for his first swim in the next few weeks when his adult feathers have grown.



# Discussion Questions

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1) This story is about which animal?

a penguin

a seal

a seagull

2) What is wrong with the animal?

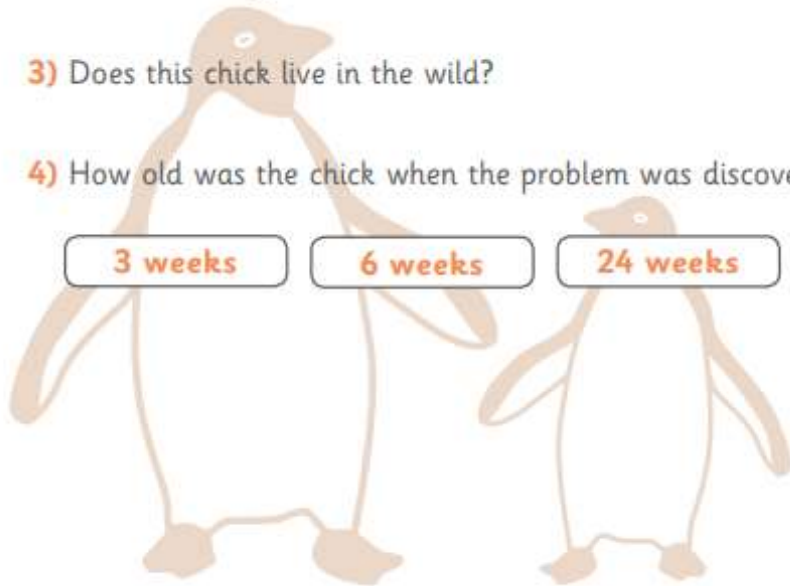
3) Does this chick live in the wild?

4) How old was the chick when the problem was discovered?

3 weeks

6 weeks

24 weeks



5) Why was it important to help the penguin as soon as possible?

6) How are the keepers helping the chick keep his legs in the right place as he grows?

7) Fill in the **adjectives (describing words)** used in the first paragraph.

A \_\_\_\_\_ penguin with \_\_\_\_\_  
legs can walk again, thanks to some  
\_\_\_\_\_ trousers!

8) What has to happen to the penguin before it can go for a swim?



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