



Activity 2: Penguin Voices

King Penguins all look the same. Even the male and female penguins look identical, except for size. So how do penguins recognize each other, especially penguins who are making a family together?

It turns out that King Penguins can recognize each other's voices. Even among millions of penguins, the male and female who make up a couple can find each other by the sound of their voices. And their chick will recognize them by their voices as well.

Here's an experiment to find out if you could survive as a King Penguin. Close your eyes and see if you can recognize your classmates' voices. Take turns in class—first the girls listen to the boys, then the boys listen to the girls. After each person says, "I'm a King Penguin," use the spaces below to write down the name of the person you think you heard. Your teacher will record who is speaking each time so that you can check your answers.

When you complete the experiment, compile your data. Who could survive in Penguin City...boys?...girls?...or only penguins?



Whose Voice Did You Hear?	Right	Wrong
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____

