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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What type of penguin is Paul?

Paul is an emperor penguin.



2. What verb does the author use instead of 'flew'?

soared or lifted off



3. Why do TV crews want to film Paul?

Accept any inferential answer relating to the text, e.g. They want to film Paul because he is amazing as penguins don't usually fly.



4. How do you think Mr and Mrs Waddle feel about their son?

Pupil's own answer with reference to the text, e.g. I think his parents are very proud of him because he can fly.