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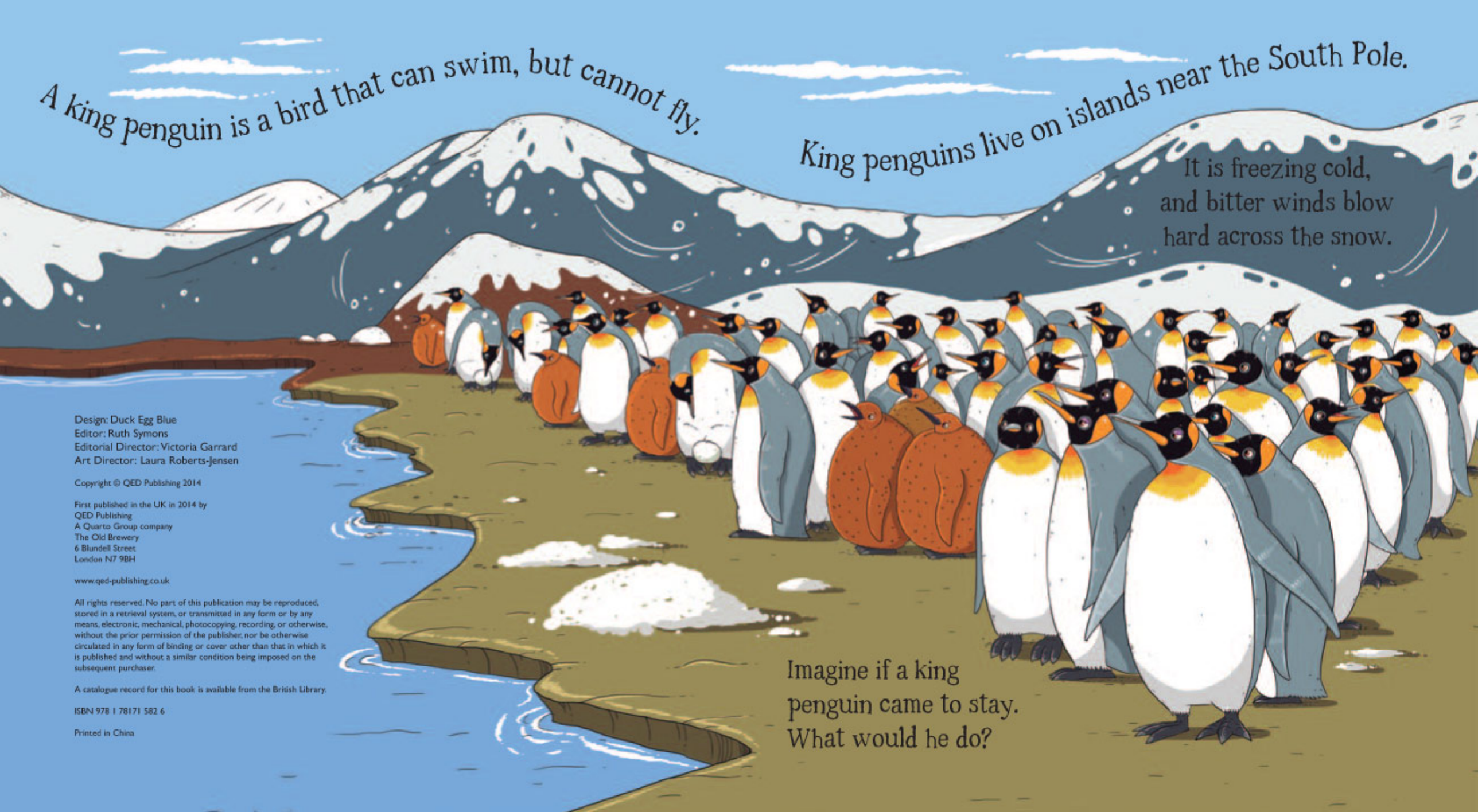
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Could a penguin play football?



He might think the ball is

an egg.

He would hide it under his fluffy tummy feathers to keep it warm!

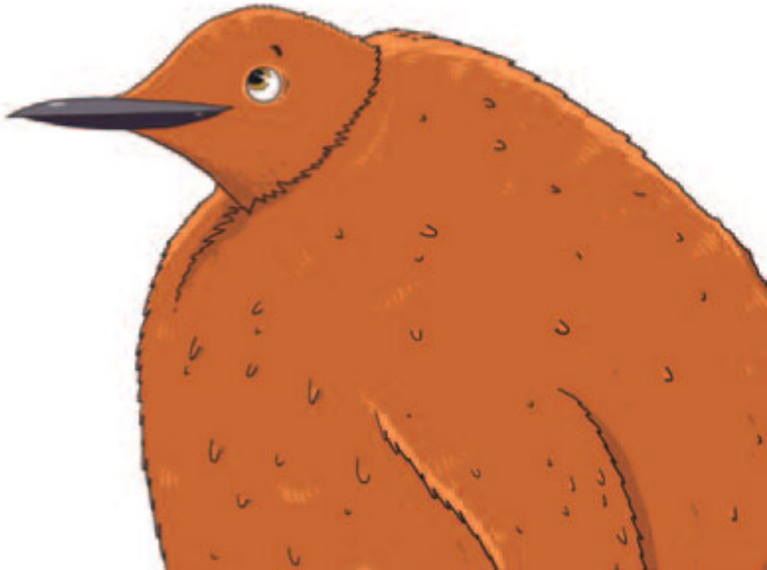


A king penguin carries his egg on his feet to keep it off the ground.

Mums and dads take turns looking after the egg for two months, until it hatches.

A baby penguin is called a

chick.



What if a penguin went to the swimming pool?

Penguins are champion swimmers.

Penguins love to swim, so he would dive right in.







He would use his wings like flippers to fly through the water.

They can swim four times faster than the fastest human swimmers, and stay underwater for five minutes at a time.

What if a baby penguin came for dinner?

Make sure he doesn't eat everything!

Chicks **eat**, and **eat**

and **eat**.

An adult penguin
eats about
50 fish
a day, but a chick
needs to eat about
200!

That's because chicks grow a thick layer of fat
to keep them warm in the icy winter.



What if a penguin went bowling?

He wouldn't be able to throw a ball.
He doesn't have fingers or hands.
He has wings instead.

Who needs a ball anyway?

Penguins love to slide on their tummies along the ice - it's called tobogganing.



Can a penguin ride a bike?



A penguin would fall off a bike. His legs are **too short** to reach the pedals.

But he would be **Zoom-tastic** on a scooter...



...and he could do cool tricks on a skateboard!

Penguins have wide, webbed feet.

They are great at **balancing** because they live on slippery rocks and ice.