



Up and Down

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Once there were two friends and they always did everything together. Until one day the penguin decided there was something important he wanted to do all by himself.. fly!

He did own wings after all, even if they didn't work very well. Although that did not stop the penguin from trying and trying. But nothing worked, and it wasn't long before he ran out of ideas.

The boy even offered him a go in his plane, but the engine hadn't recovered from the last flight. And besides, it wasn't the same. The penguin wanted to do it all by himself.

After doing a bit of homework, it seemed as though the odds were against him. So together the boy and the penguin decided it was time to ask for help... when something caught his eye and he knew this was his chance.

In his excitement, he rushed off without a word. The boy didn't know where he had gone.

The boy looked everywhere, and even thought he'd found his friend for one second. Although none of these penguins knew how to play his favourite game.

Meanwhile, the penguin had found the right place and was hired on the spot. Soon he'd get to fly... but suddenly, he realised he didn't know where his friend was or how to get home.

Later that night the penguin couldn't help but miss his friend. Likewise, the boy could barely sleep for worrying about his friend.

The next day, the boy tried to think of all the places the penguin would go, when something caught his eye. He didn't have much time.

The penguin's big moment had come but somehow he wasn't so sure about flying anymore. He wished the boy were there and even wondered if his friend had noticed he had gone?

But it was too late for thoughts like that. BAM! He took off like a bullet! The boy rushed in hoping he could still catch his friend.

The penguin couldn't believe how high and how fast he was flying, and he had no idea how he was going to land. He was terrified and wished his friend was there to help him.

The boy was there to catch him. The friends agreed that there was a reason why his wings didn't work very well... because penguins don't like flying.

So together the two friends made a break for home to play their favourite game.

1. What does the penguin want to do?

swim

run

fly

2. Circle the word that means 'terrified'.

scared

happy

lonely

3. How did the penguin fly in the end?

On a kite

In a plane

In a cannon

4. Tick the word that describes how the boy felt when the penguin had gone.

worried

excited

glad

5.

Tick to show if the statements are true or false	True	False
The two friends did everything together.		
The penguin wanted to fly.		
The penguin used a kite to fly.		
The boy found his friend at the circus shooting out of a cannon.		

6. Why do they think penguins should not fly?
