

Text Complexity Analysis Template

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Text and Author	A Caring Father- Pearson Reading Street	Where to Access Text	Reading Street Sleuth
Text Description			
This text is an informational text that encourages students to think about how mother and father Emperor penguins take care of their young. Both parents play a central role in helping their eggs/ chicks survive.			
Quantitative			
Lexile and Grade Level	1 st grade	Text Length	121 words
Qualitative			
Meaning/Central Ideas		Text Structure/Organization	
The meaning and central idea of the text is how mother and father Emperor penguins work together to care for their eggs and chicks. Though the title states the student would read mainly about a father, in context the mother holds an equally important role.		An informational text that provides explanation and facts of what a mother and a father penguin do to take care of their eggs. In the story there is a picture of a penguin keeping a chick warm, which gives the students a visual aid that can help them think about the meaning of specific facts.	
Prior Knowledge Demands		Language Features	
Basic knowledge knowing that there are many types of penguins on how they live in all different areas and survive in different ways. References to other texts are not necessary.		The language is very familiar and easy-to-understand. The story goes at a steady pace introducing a variety of facts to keep the students engaged.	
Potential Reader/Task Challenges			
The title is deceiving in that the title is not the main idea, but a piece of the big idea. Students may get stuck on how fathers are the sole providers of their eggs and chicks because the title is “A Caring Father”. That thought might block out the details on how a mother is important as well.			
Big Takeaway			
The title is not always the central idea of a text. Students should be able to identify the key details of the story to gather meaning about the main idea. Students should be able to identify key details about the mother and father penguin and the different things they do to take care of their eggs/ chicks. The students should be able to refer to the key details to help provide evidence to specific questions.			

Vocabulary Analysis Template

	Words that demand less teaching time (i.e. the definition is singular and concrete)	Words that demand more teaching time (i.e. words with multiple meanings and/or that are part of a word family)
Words that can be determined in context	<p>Antarctica (2) odd (2) several (2) icy (2)</p>	<p>waddles (2) chicks (2)</p>
Words that cannot be determined in context		<p>Emperor (3)</p>