

One day, the egg hatches.
A chick pokes its head out.
It peeks at the cold, white world.
The male penguin keeps
the fluffy chick warm.
He keeps it off the ice.
It sits on his feet.

Chick chat

Chicks are always hungry.
Groups of chicks huddle in
a **crèche** when their parents
go to sea to hunt. An adult
penguin stays with them.



The cold, white world is harsh, but it is a home.

Most penguins lay eggs in a nest.
But an emperor penguin warms
the egg, then chick, on its feet!

The male penguin
does not eat for
about nine weeks
while he cares for
his egg and chick.