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| SURVIVAL: “The Amazing Penguin Rescue” Name: |



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| Exploring Text Features: Authors use text features to call attention to important details. In a nonfiction article, text features include titles, subheadings, photos, captions, charts, and maps.  **Directions:** Good readers skim the article and take note of the text features. Do this before reading and write your observations below:   * *Graphic that illustrates characteristics of African Penguins on p. 17* |

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| **VOCABULARY** | |
| **contaminate:** to make dirty by adding something  **decimate:** to destroy or damage  **dote:** to show great affection for someone  **elated:** very happy or excited  **enduring:** long-lasting  **lash:** to strike or hit; strike with a whip | **monumental:** massive or enormous  **preen:** for animals to use their beaks to groom their feathers  **permeate:** to spread throughout or fill every part of  **surplus:** an amount greater than what is needed  **vulnerable:** in a weak position |

1. From which **point of view** is “The Amazing Penguin Rescue” told?

\_\_\_ First Person \_\_\_ Second Person \_\_\_ Third Person

How do you know? Explain using evidence from the text.

1. Why might the author have chosen this **point of view**? What impact does it have on the reader?
2. Why were the penguins in danger? Describe the disaster.
3. In the first two paragraphs, the author describes the hours just before the oil reached the penguins. What is the **mood** of these paragraphs?
4. How does the **mood** shift (change) when the author describes the penguins being covered in oil?
5. **Tone** is the attitude of the author/speaker toward the subject or audience. It is revealed by the words and phrases an author uses. Below, list words and phrases that Lauren Tarshis uses to describe how the oil spill and the recovery effort affected the penguins—physically and in other ways.

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| Physical effects of the oil spill and recovery on the penguins | Non-physical effects of the oil spill and recovery on the penguins |
| *“your eyes hurt”* | *“you are overcome with panic”* |

1. Based on your answer to question 4, how do you think the author feels about the penguins?
2. Lauren Tarshis states, “. . . this oil spill is a catastrophe for you and your species.” How does she support this statement?
3. In the box below, list steps the rescue workers took to help the penguins recover.
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4. Based on the penguin described in the text, how does the penguins’ view of humans change from the beginning of the article to the end? Explain in your own words and use evidence from the text.