

LESSON

Singular Nouns

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OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT



★ A noun is **singular** when it refers to only one person, place, thing, or idea. The words *a*, *an* or *the* often come before singular nouns.

ranger bird leaf pond excitement

a scientist a penguin the ocean an orange the anger

A Underline each singular noun.

1. Penguins live only south of the Equator.
2. Some, but not all, penguins live at the South Pole.
3. Many people enjoy learning about this interesting bird.
4. Penguins fit well into their environment.
5. Its coat of feathers is very dense.
6. They keep the penguin warm in cold weather.
7. Its wings work like flippers, moving the bird through the water.
8. The shape of its body also helps the bird swim.
9. One kind of penguin can swim 22 miles an hour!
10. The largest penguin can weigh almost 70 pounds.



B Look at the underlined singular noun in each sentence. On the line write *person, place, thing, or idea* to tell what the noun names.

1. Each region of the earth contains plants and animals not found anywhere else. _____
2. Ecology is the study of plant and animal life. _____
3. An ecologist studies the health of the environment. _____
4. The forest, the sea, and the desert contain different plants and animals.

5. Scientists express fear that the environment may be seriously damaged.

C Write a paragraph about a region of the earth you would like to visit. Underline each singular noun in your paragraph.
