Writing Styles: Expository or Persuasive

Worksheet 1

Read each writing selection and decide whether it is expository or persuasive. Write an E for Expository and a P for Persuasive.

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4. Penguins are animals that survive best in the cold. Male penguins take care of the eggs before they hatch, carrying them on their feet. The penguins often have to walk long distances carrying the eggs waiting for them to hatch. While the male penguins care for the eggs, the females hunt for food. _____

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