



A Letter From The Galápagos Islands



2 Dear Grandpa,

12 I found them! I searched for most of the morning

21 but I finally saw the Galápagos penguins. It was

29 incredible seeing the only penguin species that live

33 north of the equator.

42 Interestingly, they are quite small in real life.

51 Dad thinks they must be roughly 50cm tall. I

59 think that's less than half of an emperor penguin's

60 height!

68 They were pottering around in the coastal lava

78 near some caves. I could see that their nests were

86 made up of different materials, such as sticks,

95 feathers and leaves. In the water, a few penguins

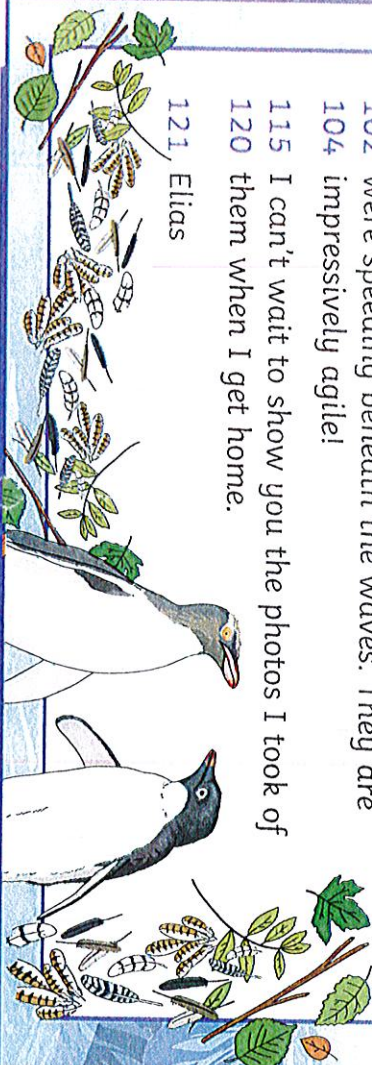
102 were speeding beneath the waves. They are

104 impressively agile!

115 I can't wait to show you the photos I took of



120 them when I get home.

121 Elias



Questions



1. Find and copy a word that means to move in a slow or unhurried way.
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2. Which material is **not** mentioned as being used in Galápagos penguins' nests? Tick one.
 - sticks
 - feathers
 - moss
3. How do you think Elias feels about seeing the Galápagos penguins? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
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4. Why do you think the author chose to use the phrase **impressively agile**?
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