

**BBC Planet Earth: From Pole to Pole**

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Introduction: A hundred years ago there were 1.5 billion people on earth. Now, over 6 billion crowd our fragile planet. But even so, there are still places barely touched by humanity. This series will take you to the last wildernesses and show you the planet, and its wildlife, as you have never seen them before.

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1. Who is the narrator?
2. What is the great ordeal (challenge or hardship) that male emperor penguins face for four months every year?
3. Why can the mother polar bear leave her den in March?
4. Why must she leave?
5. What do the wolves do to catch caribou from the migrating herd (group)?
6. How can a caribou escape?
7. The taiga or boreal forest cannot support much animal life, but it does serve a very important purpose for the Earth. What does it provide?
8. Why can the forests farther south (below 50° of latitude) support so much more animal life?
9. How many Amur leopards are left in the wild?
10. Why are they so endangered?
11. Why do 300,000 Baikal teal (a type of water bird) migrate from Russia to Korea every year?
12. Why is it so amazing to see this number in one flock (group)?
13. Why do tropical forests have no seasons?
14. Tropical forests cover only 3% of the planet, but what % of animal & plant species live there?
15. Why does the male bird of paradise in New Guinea give such a strange performance?
16. Why does he have so much time and energy to spend on this?
17. Where do the seals go to breed (have babies)?

18. What is the great white shark's main strategy for catching seals?
19. What advantage does the great white shark have over the seal?
20. What advantage does the seal have over the shark?
21. Why are the elephants migrating through the Kalahari desert?
22. Name two other animals that are also heading for the swamps of the Okavango delta.
23. What aquatic (water) animal travels with the floodwaters?
24. What are the first animals to arrive in large numbers?
25. Why is this area so special on our planet?
26. Which animal doesn't seem to like getting wet?
27. What endangered (rare) mammal is the most efficient predator (hunter) in Africa?
28. Why are they so good at hunting?
29. As the sun returns to Antarctica, what is happening with the Emperor penguins?
30. How do the male Emperor penguins keep their chicks warm?

**Reflection question:**

Which in this video made the biggest impression on you (gave you the strongest feeling)? Why?

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