

AMAZING PUFFINS



A UNO BOOK

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Introduction



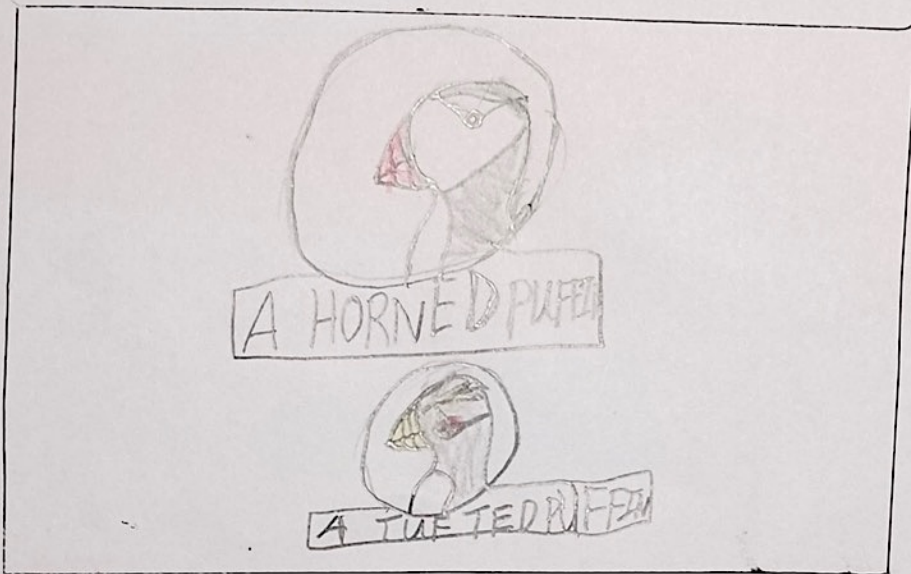
Are you ever curious about puffins? Those guys that can fly and dive hundreds of meters like a seaplane? Well, in this book, you will learn a lot of facts about puffins, they have many, many dangerous enemies, but they can also eat other prey. I hope you have fun in this book, enjoy! Wait, before you read this book, I want to tell you that I love puffins so much. You should love them too! After you look at this book, I hope you love this book!

What Am I?



Do you know what a puffin is? They are birds that look like penguins, but they are not penguins. There are 3 kinds of puffin **species**, they are the Atlantic, horned and tufted puffins. The most common puffins we see in the world are Atlantic puffins. Tufted puffins mostly look like rockhopper penguins, but their bodies are different.

Puffins have a black back, an egg-shaped body, a white belly and a red beak, it's feet are webbed. Puffins spend most of their in water, so we call them **aquatic**.



A horned puffin is similar to an Atlantic puffin, but it has "horns." A tufted puffin has a yellow beak and has white "eyebrows".

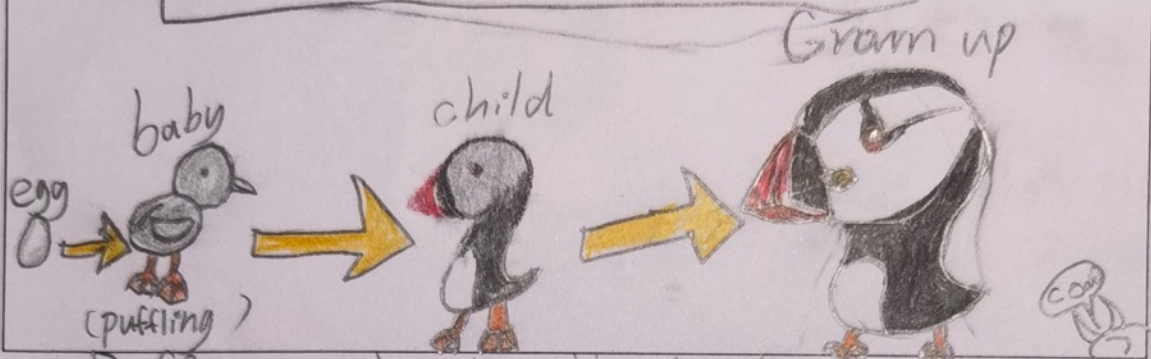
Where's Our Home?



Where do puffins live? They live in the northern hemisphere, what kinds of puffins live in the southern hemisphere? None. Puffins live in Canada, the north of America, and Europe. There are loads of puffins in the northern Atlantic ocean. There are many puffins that also can survive in the coldest places in the northern hemisphere! Every kinds of puffins live in the same places but one kind of species can't mix up with another species, would it happen if it was 3 species mixed up? Of course, definitely not!

Growing Up

LIFE CYCLE



Puffins start their lives in an adorable little egg, in there, it cracks and hatches out a little **puffling**. The pufflings grows for a few weeks, and they become puffins, they have grey fur and yellow feet at the beginning, because they are not fully grown yet.

After a few weeks, it is already good enough to leave its nest, it's also good enough to stay on its ~~own~~ own right now. After another few weeks, it can catch prey by itself, at that time, it is already a fully grown puffin. It will also find a male/female puffin if it's



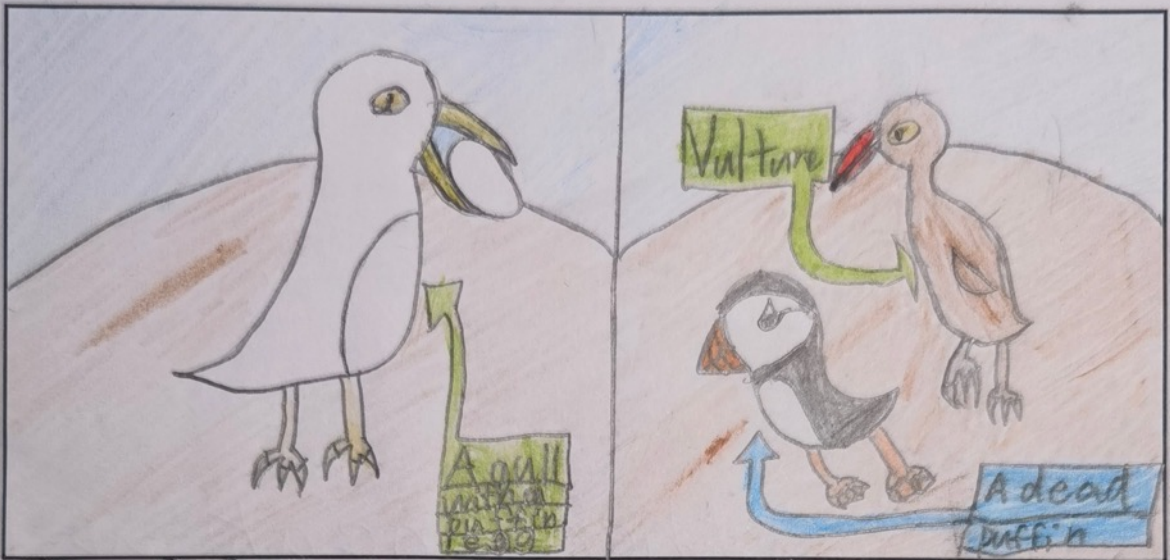
a male/female. Then they will be a mom and dad! Soon, they will hatch more eggs, become more pufflings and grow up to be new puffins again and hatch probably a thousand million eggs as total! Puffins build nests on rocky cliffs, there are loads of puffins over there!

Time For Supper!



Puffins mostly eat raw fish, but that's not all, they take turns to catch food (Mom and dad). They don't have tongues and can't taste, but they don't mind, so they just swallow their prey whole. Puffins eat kinds of fish like herring, sand eels and hake, except for fish that live in the dark sea like blobfishes, anglerfisher and barreleyes. They also eat animals like krill, squid, crabs and even more other **crustaceans** like prawns (pron-z) / shrimps, lobsters and some crayfish.

DANGER!



Puffins face about seven dangers and predators, especially on land.

In the ocean, the enemies are skuas, ^{seals} and gulls. The enemies on land are cats, vultures, dogs, foxes and even other birds! Vultures often eat carnivores, they only eat dead animals, a vulture won't eat another vulture. Foxes, cats and dogs will eat alive puffins, gulls eat their eggs, especially for skua birds, the predators

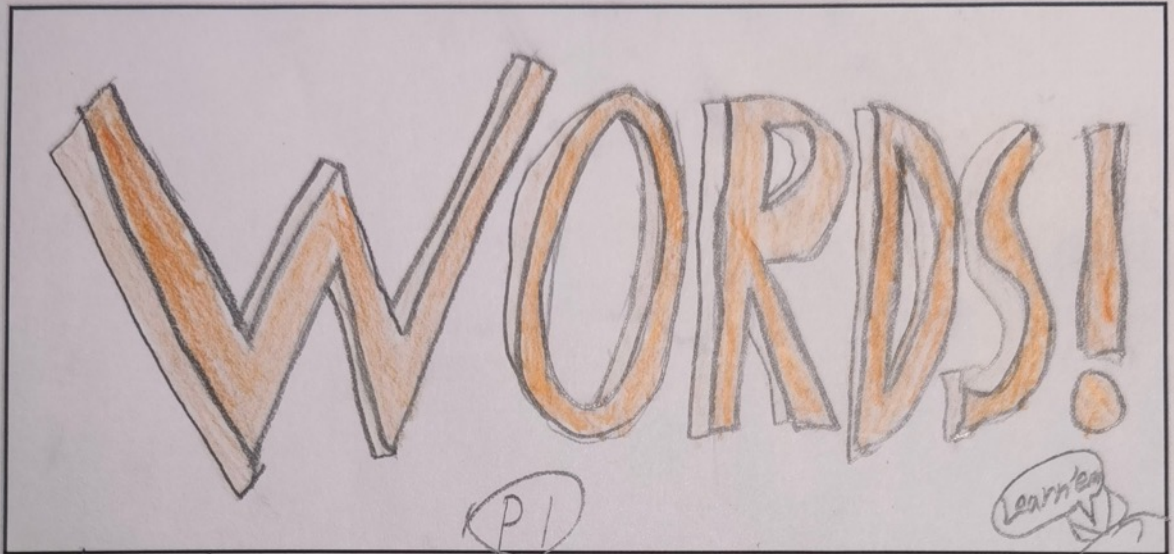
will either sneak up
or ambush, but they won't
always catch their
prey's unawares.

On the Move



Puffins are fledglings, when they fly, they can dive more than 200mph! When they are in water, their wings stay still and don't move, they can dive more than 40m deep! Their wings also stay still when they fly too, that's called **gliding**. Puffins fly really fast especially in the sky, flying is the fastest way to get from a place to another. Like I said, puffins are fledglings, they get ready to fly on a rock and jump then, **BLAST OFF!**

GLOSSARY



Ambush-Jump on un-
suspecting prey

Aquatic-Spends most
time in water

Crustaceans-Animals with
a hard shell

Fledglings-Birds that jump
and get ready to fly

Gliding-Flying without wings
flapping

Hemisphere-The half
of a sphere

Predators-Animals that
eat other animals

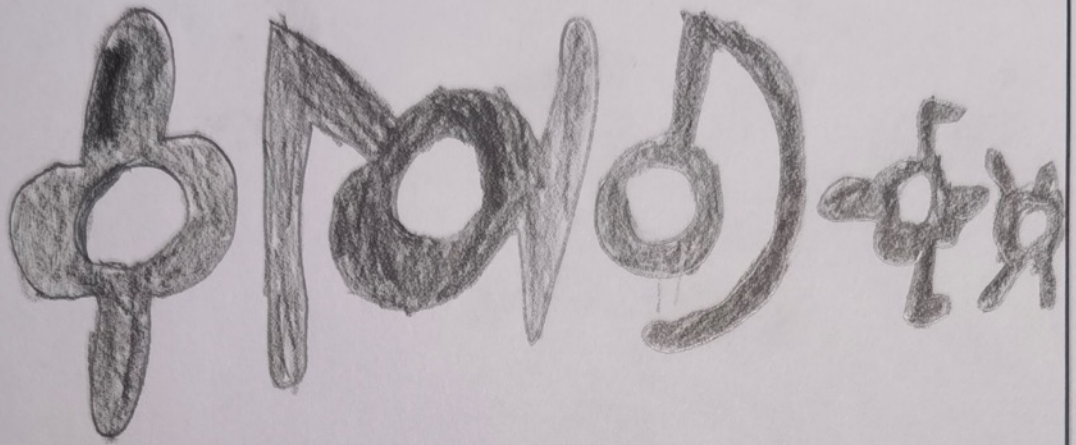
Puffling-A puffin's baby
chick

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Species - Another word
for "types"

Unawares - Catching
unsuspecting prey so they
aren't aware



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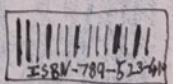
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Puffins are amazing birds, their life is full of courage and magic. Look no further, you will really love this book! After you read it, you really would love documentaries about puffins and be an expert on them!



About the Author



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