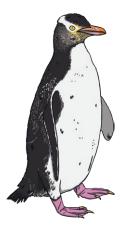
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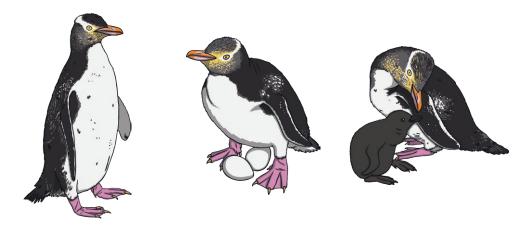
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Accept any reasonable explanation describing the need to return to a safe place where they will find the same species.



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Also accept that they are young so may not have much experience at sea.



