

# MY ISLAND HOME



## WORKSHEET 1A – VIDEO ACTIVITY

Overseas visitors to Australia often want to see one of Australia’s great wildlife attractions — the nightly ‘penguin parade’. This takes place every night at the Phillip Island Nature Park in Victoria. Special viewing facilities ensure that visitors can enjoy this experience while not harming the animals’ environment.

Watch the video to see one young person’s connection with this place, and answer the following questions about it.



- 1 The video says penguins are found in the state of Victoria, on an island about 130 kilometres from the capital, Melbourne. Find where on the map the penguins are found.
- 2 Who are the members of Hannah’s family?

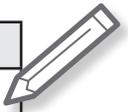
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- 3 Name three things that Hannah likes to do.

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- 4 Hannah is on a work experience program organised by her school. This means that students spend a week in a job that they might want to do when they complete their schooling. This is usually done in Australia when students are in Year 10 of their twelve years of schooling. List some advantages and some disadvantages of having such a scheme during school time.

Advantages	Disadvantages
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- 5 The island has some environmental problems, especially with introduced species. Explain why animals and plants introduced from other countries might harm the native animals and plants in Australia.

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- 6 The island is home to a large colony of Little Penguins. Explain why they go to sea each morning, and return each night.

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- 7 Why do you think there is so much effort made to study and protect the Little Penguins?

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## WORKSHEET 1B – VIDEO ACTIVITY

8 What is the average life span of the Little Penguins? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

9 Why does Margaret, the ranger, become so excited when she finds one of the penguins?

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10 How does she know what age he is?

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11 Most years there are penguins damaged by oil from ships that have dumped waste oil at sea. The penguins swim through this oil and it sticks to their feathers. How does the oil harm the penguins?

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12 What must be done to help the penguins survive?

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13 The penguins attract many tourists. Why do you think the tourists make the 260 kilometre round trip from Melbourne to see them?

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14 Hannah says that the penguins are an important part of the island. Do you agree? List some ways in which you think they are important, or give some reasons to explain why you think they are not important.

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15 Apart from the penguins, what other native animals would you find on Phillip Island?

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If you want to learn more about the Little Penguins and the other creatures at Phillip Island you can go to [www.penguins.org.au](http://www.penguins.org.au)

To find out more about Australia look at the following worksheets,  
or look at the CD-ROM component of this kit.