

***Mrs. Penguin's***  
**PERFECT**  
**PALACE**





# Mrs. Penguin's Perfect Palace





“I wish I had a HOUSE!” said Mrs. Penguin.

“I don’t like living in rubbish.”



“Dear Mrs. Penguin,” said Papa Penguin.  
“We will build you a palace.”



So the Penguin family set to work.

“The sand is making me itch,”  
grumbled Sissie.



“The measurements  
are wrong,” said Boetie.

“I’m hungry,”  
said Gobbles.



Mrs. Penguin sighed.  
She was doing all  
the work.



At last the castle  
was finished.





But the tide came in and washed it away.  
“We’ll try again,” said Papa Penguin.



“Come children, we’ll build Mama a mansion  
from stone.”



So the Penguin family set to work.

“The stones are heavy,”  
grumbled Sissie.



“The measurements  
are wrong,” said Boetie.



“I’m still hungry,” said Gobbles.





At last it was finished.  
But the wind came up  
and blew it over.



Mrs. Penguin was cross.  
“I’m not doing any more  
work,” she said.



“We’ll try again,” said Papa.

“I can’t think of anything,” said Sisi. “It’s too hard.”

“We haven’t got any cement,” said Boetie.

“You can’t build a proper house without cement.”



“I’m hungry,” said Gobbles.

Mrs. Penguin sighed.

She was never going to get her home.



“Just look at all this mess,” she said.





Then Mrs. Penguin had an idea.

“Boetie, fetch wood,”  
she said.



“Sissie, find nets.”

“Gobbles, pick up plastic.  
Papa, fetch the hammer.”



All day they worked.



“I’m tired,” said Sissie.

“Keep working,” said Mama.

“The measurements are wrong,” said Boetie.

“Keep working,” said Mama.



“I’m still hungry,” said Gobbles.

“Keep working,” said Mama.





“It’s going to be wonderful,” said Papa.

“You’re doing a good job,” said Mama.

So they worked and  
worked and worked  
and worked ...



... and at last the  
house was finished.





“Welcome to your palace,” said Papa. Mrs. Penguin clapped her flippers. “Thank you,” she said. “It’s Mrs. Penguin’s Perfect Palace.”









Match the pictures with the words:



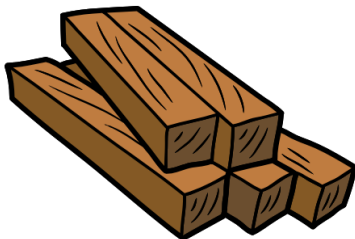
**Sand  
castle**



**Wood**



**Penguin**



**Stone**

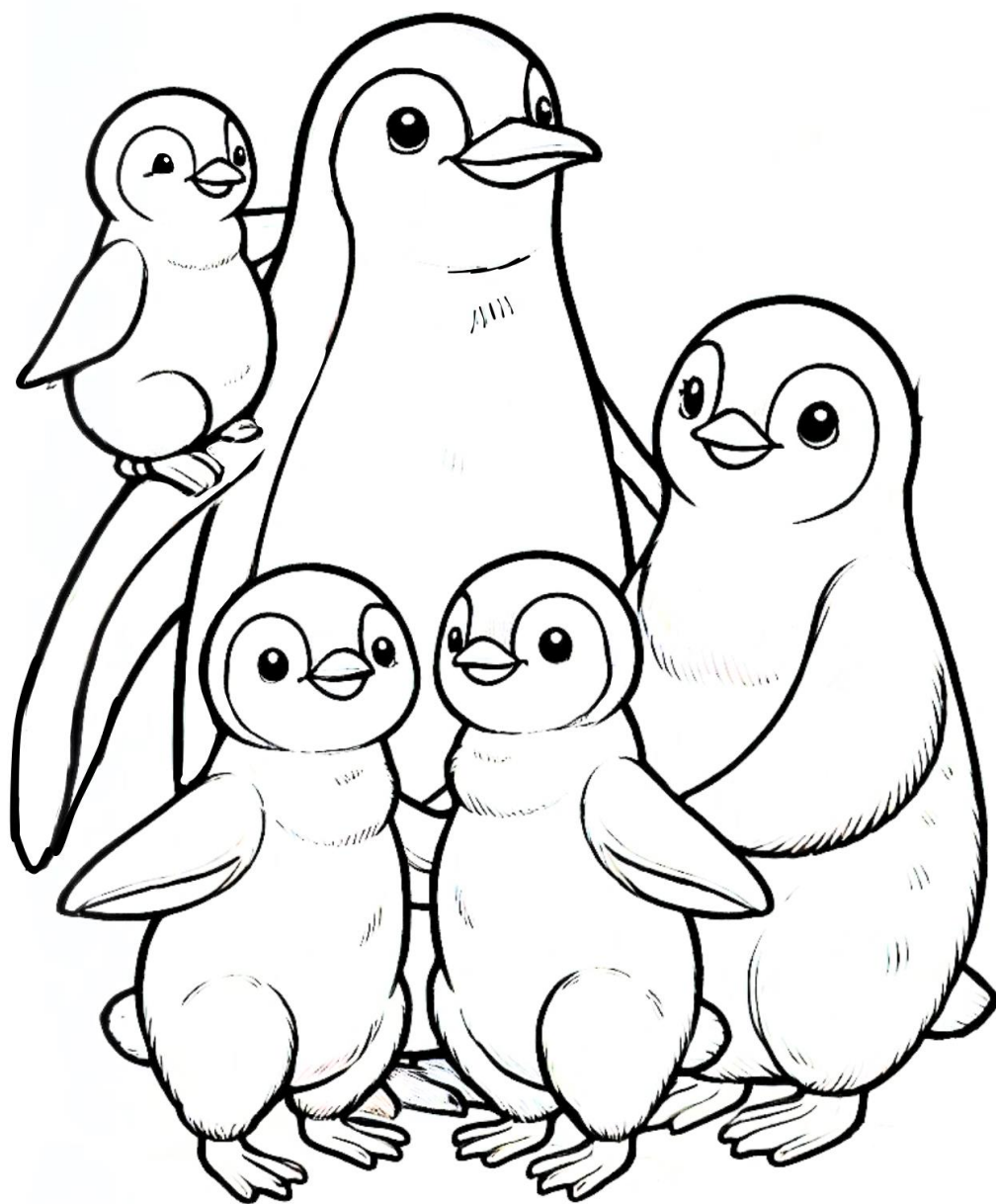
## Tracing exercise

Penguin

Palace

Family

**Color this scene from the story:**



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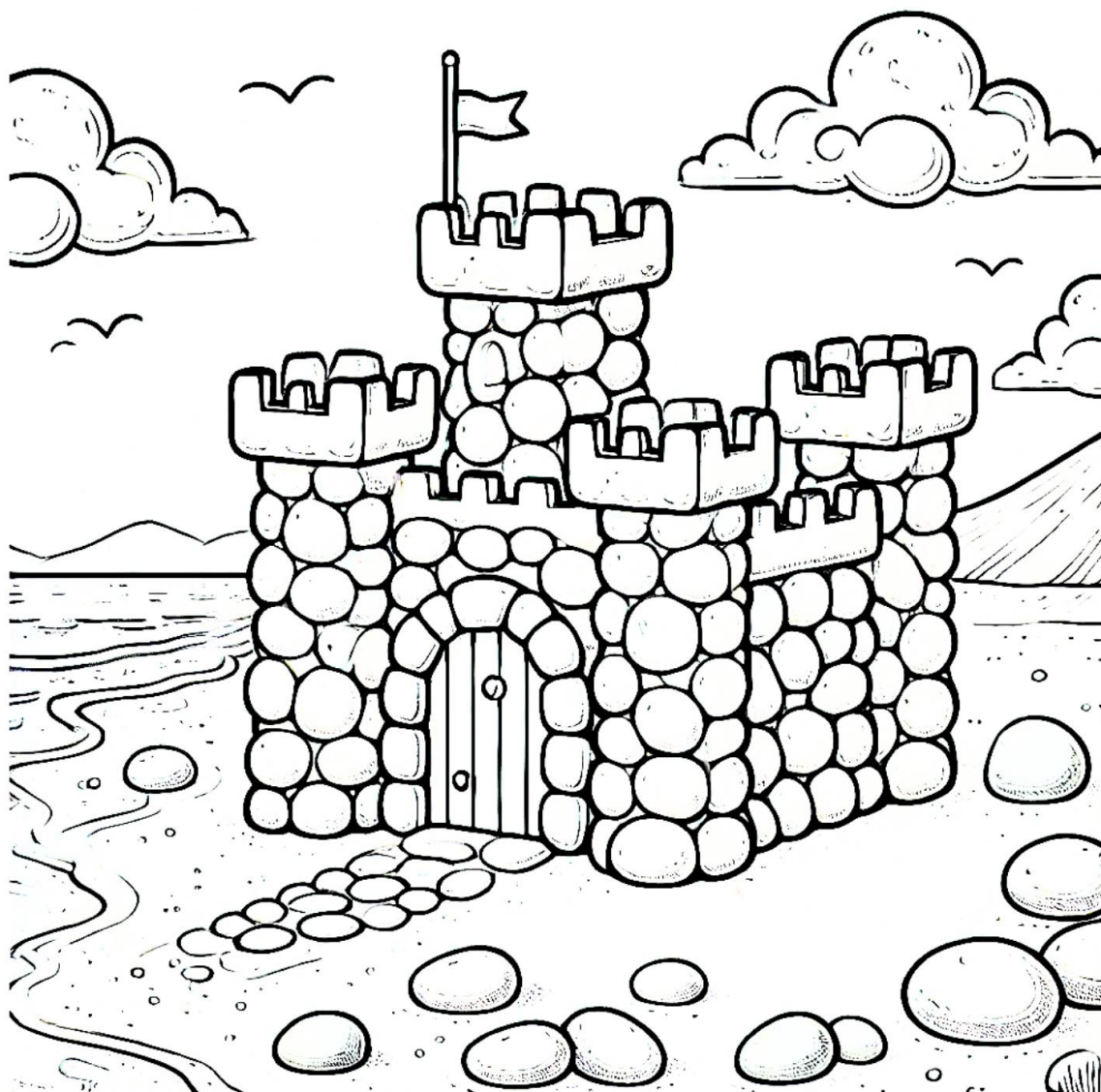




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## Make your own sentence:

Use each word from the list below in a sentence.

Write your sentences in the space provided.

- Penguin \_\_\_\_\_
- Palace \_\_\_\_\_
- House \_\_\_\_\_
- Sand \_\_\_\_\_
- Stone \_\_\_\_\_
- Plastic \_\_\_\_\_
- Wood \_\_\_\_\_
- Build \_\_\_\_\_
- Work \_\_\_\_\_
- Family \_\_\_\_\_

# Write a short story:

Write your own short story about a time you  
went to the beach.



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**Draw and describe:**



**Draw and describe your favorite part of the story.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a child to draw their favorite part of a story.

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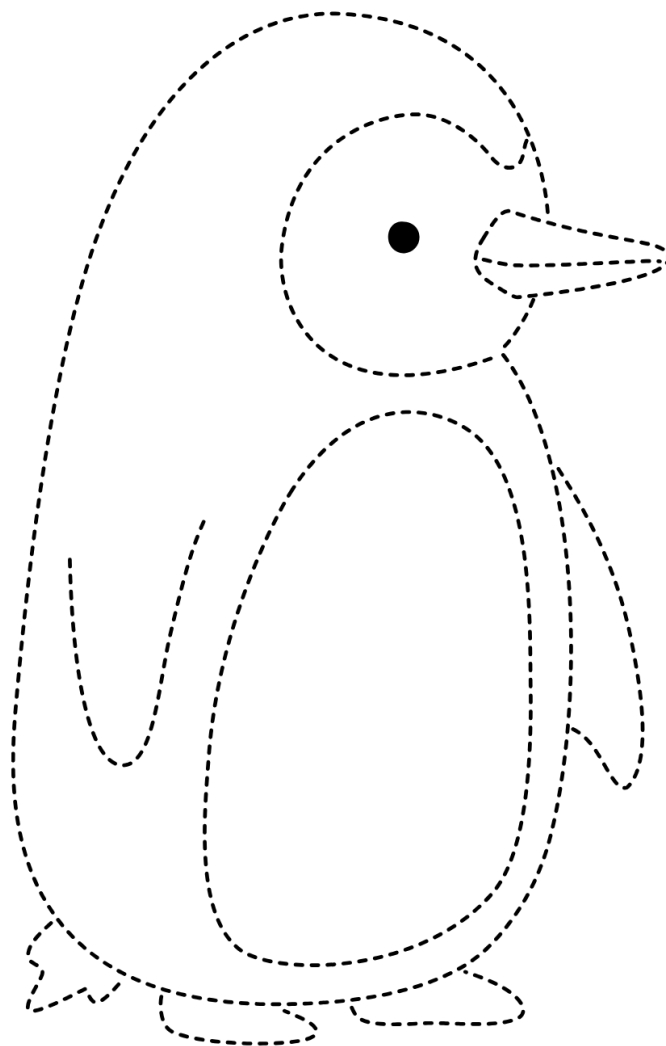
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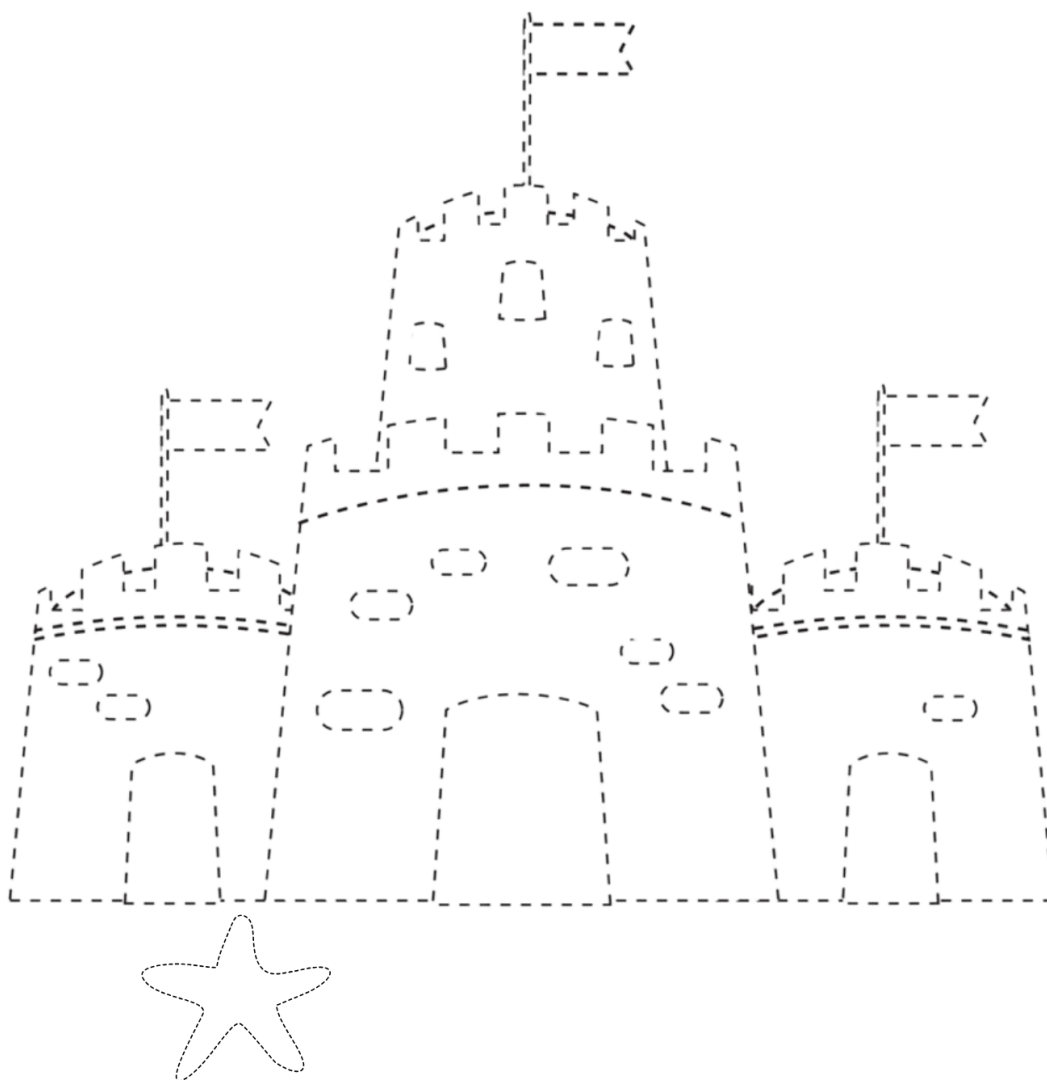
# Tracing:

Trace and draw this penguin.



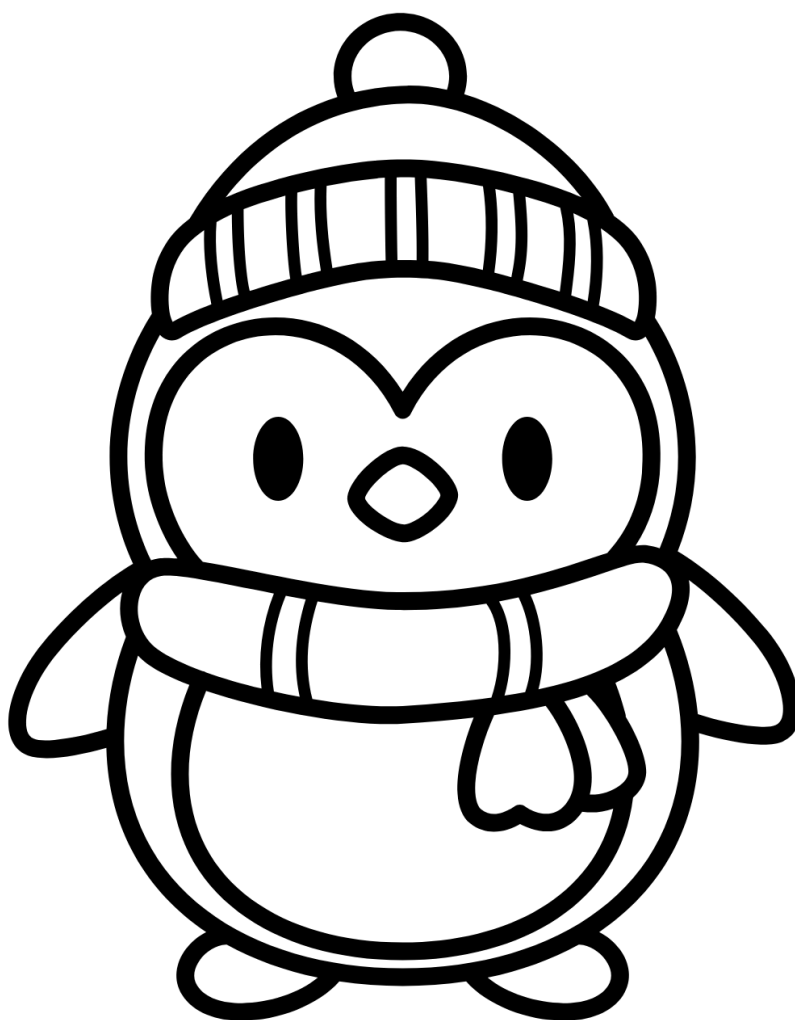
# Tracing:

Trace and draw this sandcastle.



# Coloring

Color this penguin.



## ***Teacher's comprehension questions***

### ***Characters and Setting:***

*Who is the main character in the story?*

*Where does the Penguin family live at the beginning of the story?*

*What kind of house does Mrs. Penguin want?*

### ***Plot and Sequence:***

*What does Papa Penguin promise to build for Mrs. Penguin?*

*What happens when the Penguin family builds the sand castle?*

*What materials do the Penguins use for their final palace?*

*What is the first thing Mrs. Penguin says when the palace is finished?*

### ***Problem and Solution:***

*What problems do the Penguins face when building the sand castle and stone mansion?*

*How does Mrs. Penguin come up with the idea for the final palace?*

*How does each family member contribute to building the palace?*

***Emotions and Reactions:***

*How does Mrs. Penguin feel when the sand castle is washed away?*

*How do the children react when they're told to work harder?*

*How does Mrs. Penguin feel when she sees her finished palace?*

***Vocabulary and Language:***

*What does Mrs. Penguin mean when she says, "The measurements are wrong"?*

*What is the meaning of the word "palace"?*

*Can you describe the final house using words from the story?*