

Puffin

Puffins are small birds that live at sea for most of their lives. They live along the west coast of Europe, and the northeast coast of North America.

The color of their beak changes during the year. In winter, the beak is grey in color, but when the spring arrives, it becomes orange.

Fast Facts

Type:	Bird
Size:	1 foot long
Weight:	1.1 pounds
Life span:	20 years
Habitat:	Rocky islands
Population:	11.6 million
Diet:	Carnivore

Puffins are not only quick flyers, but also good swimmers. They use their wings as paddles and their webbed feet to steer. They can dive up to 200 feet underwater!

Their favorite food includes small fish such as herrings, hakes, and sand eels.

They hunt these fish underwater.

Puffins rest and lay eggs in a nest inside a burrow. They build this using their sharp claws and beak. They are usually found between rocks on grassy banks along the coast. Inside these burrows, puffins make nests from grass and feathers.



Fill in the gaps.

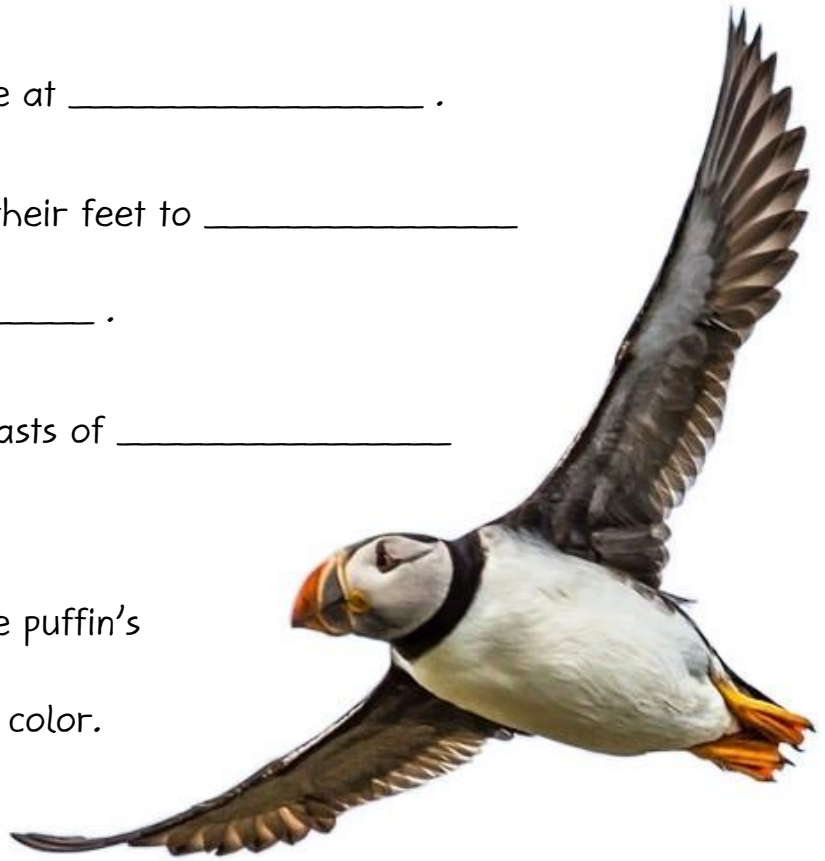
1) Puffins spend most of the time at _____ .

2) When puffins swim, they use their feet to _____
and their wings to _____ .

3) They are found along the coasts of _____
and North America.

4) During the winter months, the puffin's
beak is _____ in color.

5) Their favorite food are
small _____ , such as
_____, _____ , and _____ .



Complete the puzzle and find the hidden word.

1) Puffins lay eggs inside a

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2) Puffins live on ... islands.

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3) An animal that only
eats meat.

3

4) They make nests from grass and

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5) The puffin's beak becomes orange in

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