



The mother penguin was very excited. She and her mate had been taking it in turns to sit on their two large white eggs for nearly five weeks.


Now the eggs  
were starting  
to hatch.

The parents  
could not  
believe their  
luck when  
they saw their  
two beautiful  
little sons.





They loved both chicks equally, and spent eight weeks feeding them and keeping them warm.



As the little  
penguins  
grew, they  
became  
stronger and  
stronger.



“Look how fast  
I can run,”  
one would say.

“I’m faster than you!” the other would reply.





“Come and see me  
jump off the rocks,”  
one would call.

“That’s nothing,”  
would come the  
reply, “I could do  
that yesterday.”







Their mother  
pleaded for  
them to stop  
competing.  
“You are both  
strong and both  
clever. Please  
stop trying to  
be better than  
each other.”

But the little penguins would not listen. They turned everything into a race, and boasted loudly to their friends when one beat the other.

