

Peppermint the Penguin's North Pole Flight School

At the icy edge of the North Pole, nestled between a candy cane forest and a frozen cocoa river, lived a penguin named Peppermint. Unlike other penguins, Peppermint had one dream-**to fly**. Of course, everyone told her it was impossible. "Penguins don't fly," said her cousin Pablo. "We slide, we waddle, we swim."

But Peppermint was determined. She built herself a pair of candy-striped glider wings, made from sleigh scraps and peppermint bark. Every evening, she climbed to the highest snowdrift and leapt into the cold, starry sky. Every time she crashed, she took notes, adjusted her design, and tried again.

One Christmas Eve, Santa noticed her efforts as he prepared for his global journey. He invited her to ride copilot in his sleigh. "You've got heart," he said with a twinkle. Peppermint climbed in beside him, and for one magical night, **she flew**-not with wings, but with wonder.

From that day on, Peppermint opened her own North Pole Flight School-not to teach penguins to fly, but to teach them to believe.



Multiple Choice Questions:

1. What was unique about Peppermint compared to other penguins?
 - A. She loved snowball fights
 - B. She wanted to become Santa Claus
 - C. She dreamed of flying
 - D. She could talk to reindeer
2. What did Peppermint use to build her wings?
 - A. Feathers and icicles
 - B. Peppermint bark and sleigh scraps
 - C. Snowflakes and cookie sheets
 - D. Reindeer hair and tinsel
3. What does Santa's invitation represent in the story?
 - A. A reward for following the rules
 - B. A symbol of magical realism
 - C. A punishment for trying to fly
 - D. A reward for her persistence and dreams

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4. What is the main message of the story?
 - A. Always listen to others' advice
 - B. Flight school is for elite penguins only
 - C. Dreams can come true in unexpected ways
 - D. Santa prefers penguins over elves
5. Why did Peppermint start her own flight school?
 - A. To inspire belief and courage
 - B. To train penguins for Santa's sleigh
 - C. To compete with Santa's sleigh team
 - D. To become rich and famous