

Quick Notes from Mr. Popper's Penguins Ch 2
The Voice in the Air

Mrs. Popper "Don't you ever get tired of reading about the South Pole?"

Mr. Popper "No, of course I would rather go there. But reading is the next best thing."

Mrs. Popper "It sounds dull and boring with all that ice and snow."

Mr. Popper "If you had seen the movie, you would have seen how beautiful the Antarctic is. Best of all is the penguins. They are the funniest birds in the world. They don't fly. They walk. When they get tired of walking they just lie down on their stomachs and slide. It would be very nice to have one for a pet."

Mrs. Popper "Pets! I won't have any pets around. They make too much dirt in the house, and I have enough work now, trying to keep this place tidy. It costs too much to feed a pet and we have the bowl of goldfish."

Mr. Popper "Penguins are intelligent. They crowd to the edge of an ice bank to catch shrimp. They push one penguin in to see if he gets eaten up by a sea leopard. If he doesn't, they all jump in."

Mrs. Popper "Dear me! They sound like heathen birds."

Mr. Popper "It's an odd thing, all the polar bears live at the North Pole and all the penguins at the South Pole."

Mrs. Popper "I'm going to bed. Tomorrow is September thirtieth and I have to go to a meeting."

Mr. Popper "Turn on the radio. This is the night the Drake Antarctic Expedition is going to start broadcasting."

Narrator On the radio, Admiral Drake said hello to Mr. Popper and told him to watch for a surprise.

Mrs. Popper "Did you write to Admiral Drake?"

Mr. Popper "Yes, I did. I told him how funny penguins are. And to think he spoke to me all the way from the Antarctic."