

# Teaching Resource – and tango makes three

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*Pic: two penguins are standing in front of some rocks, one is rubbing its head against the other's belly. Their eyes are partially closed.*

**In the middle of New York there is a great big park called Central Park. Children love to play there.**

*Pic: a woman holds the hands of 2 children with red and blue balloons. They walk past a carousel horse.*

**It has a toy-boat pond where they can sail their boats.**

*Pic: a little boy in a green hat and orange stripy jumper is playing with toy boats by the boat pond.*

**It has a carousel to ride on in the summer and an ice rink to skate on in the winter.**

*Pic: skaters are skating on an ice rink. Tall, grey buildings and trees tower above in the background.*

**Best of all, it has its very own zoo. Every day families of all kinds go to visit the animals that live there.**

*Pic: Families are walking towards 3 arches at the zoo entrance. A glass display sits above the arches.*

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**But children and their parents aren't the only families at the zoo. The animals make families of their own.**

*Pic: Two women are with a boy in a red t-shirt and blue shorts. He points ahead of them. They all have bags.*

**There are red panda families, with mothers and fathers and furry red panda cubs.**

*Pic: a mother panda and her red cub: they have furry, brown bodies and white stripes on their faces.*

**There are monkey dads and monkey mums raising noisy monkey babies.**

*Pic: A long haired white and grey monkey is sitting in the tree. Another is on a log with a baby in her lap.*

**There are toad families, and toucan families, and cotton-top tamarind families too.**

*Pic: a big, brown slimey toad with big eyes and a grin crouches next to an identical but smaller baby toad.*

**And in the penguin house there are penguin families. Every year at the very same time,**

*Pic: 2 black and white penguins are standing face to face and looking into each other's eyes.*

**the girl penguins start noticing the boy penguins. And the boy penguins start noticing the girls.**

*Pic: a wide-eyes penguin stands while the other leans forward with wings tucked behind.*

**When the right girl and the right boy find each other, they become a couple.**

*Pic: the 2 penguins are touching wings as if they are holding hands and staring into each others' faces.*

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**Two penguins in the penguin house were a little bit different. One was named Roy and the other was named Silo.**

*Pic: 2 penguins are standing and looking into each others' eyes.*

**Roy and Silo were both boys. But they did everything together. They bowed to each other.**

*Pic: the 2 pengins bow to each other: their wings are pushing out behind them.*

**And walked together. They sang to each other. And swam together. Wherever Roy went, Silo went too.**

*Pic: the 2 penguins are walking, kicking out their middle feet, mirroring each other in their actions.*

**They didn't spend much time with the girl penguins, and the girl penguins didn't spend much time with them.**

*Pic: the penguins are rubbing each others neck as if they are hugging. Their wings are tucked behind them.*

**Instead, Roy and Silo wound their necks around each other. Their keeper Mr Gramzay noticed the two penguins...**

*Pic: 2 penguins in the penguin house are next to a man with a silver bucket. He is on his knees, looking at them.*

**and thought to himself, 'They must be in love.'**

*Pic: a close up of the 2 black and white penguins' faces, with eyes shut and tiny smiles.*

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**Roy and Silo watched how the other penguins made a home.**

*Pic: the 2 penguins stand around some stones. 1 penguin is placing the stone in his beak down at their feet.*

**So they built a nest of stones for themselves. Every night Roy and Silo slept there together,**

*Pic: the 2 penguins are standing and sleeping. Their eyes are shut. There is a heap of stones at their feet.*

**just like the other penguin couples. And every morning Roy and Silo woke up together.**

*Pic: one penguin is standing up straight. The other is bending over slightly.*

**But one day Roy and Silo saw that the other couples could do something they could not.**

*Pic: 2 wide-eyes penguin families watch their babies with shaggy fur in their nests made with stones.*

**The mummy penguin would lay an egg.**

*Pic: a big, white oval shaped egg sitting on its side.*

**She and the daddy penguin would take turns keeping the egg warm until finally it would hatch.**

*Pic: a baby penguin with shaggy fur is sitting on its bed of stones at the feet of its mummy and daddy.*

**And then there would be a baby penguin. Roy and Silo had no egg to sit on and keep warm.**

*Pic: Roy and Silo are staring at their empty bed of stones.*

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**They had no baby chick to feed and cuddle and love. Their nest was nice, but it was a little empty.**

*Pic: an empty bedding of brown, round, smooth and cold stones.*

**One day Roy found something that looked like what the other penguins were hatching...**

*Pic: Roy is carrying a round, brown pebble, shaped like an egg in his beak.*

**...and he brought it to their nest. It was only a rock, but Silo sat on it. And sat...And sat.**

*Pic: Silo is sitting on the pile of stones looking down at his feet where they have put the pebble Roy found.*

**When Silo got sleepy, he slept. And when Silo had finished sleeping and sitting, he swam and Roy sat.**

*Pic: Silo is standing on the bedding of stones. His eyes are shut. He is sleeping.*

**Day after day, Silo and Roy sat on the rock. But nothing happened. Then Mr Gramzay had an idea.**

*Pic: Silo and Roy are looking at their piles of rocks between them.*

**He found an egg that needed to be cared for and he brought it to Roy and Silo's nest.**

*Pic: a hand places an egg in Roy among Silo's bed of stones. They watch silently in the background.*

**Roy and Silo knew just what to do. They moved the egg to the centre of their nest. Every day they turned it,**

*Pic: Roy and Silo stand next to their nest, looking happy. The egg is in the middle of the stones.*

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**so each side stayed warm. Some days Roy sat while Silo went for food.**

*Pic: Roy is looking tired with his wing across his chest and the other folded and supporting his head.*

**Other days it was Silo's turn to take care of their egg. They sat in the morning and they sat at night.**

*Pic: Silo is yawning and standing on the nest of stones.*

**They sat through lunchtime and swimming time and supper. They sat at the beginning of the month,**

*Pic: Silo is sitting on top of the nest of stones and looking down towards his feet.*

**and they sat at the end of the month, and they sat all the days in between.**

*Pic: a bird's eyeview of Silo and Roy: 1 is on the nest, the other is watching from the side.*

**Until one day they heard a sound coming from inside their egg.**

*Pic: a white egg with small zigzag cracks starting to appear.*

**Peep, peep. Peep, peep, it said. Roy and Silo called back, Squawk, squawk. Peep, peep, answered the egg**

*Pic: 1 penguin is leaning towards the egg and wings pushed behind; the other is standing on the nest of stones.*

**Suddenly a tiny hole appeared in the eggs shell. And then . . . CRAAAACK!**

*Pic: there is an egg which has cracks in it.*

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**Out came their very own baby! She had fuzzy white feathers and a funny black beak. Now Roy and Silo were fathers.**

*Pic: there is a little brown, baby starting to push out from the inside of the egg.*

**“We’ll call her Tango,” Mr Gramzay decided, “because it takes two to make a Tango.”**

*Pic: a light brown fluffy baby is standing and looking out from the cracked egg shell.*

**Roy and Silo taught Tango how to sing for them when she was hungry. They fed her food from their beaks.**

*Pic: Roy and Silo stand by their nest. Tango is in the nest at their feet.*

**They snuggled her in their nest at night.**

*Pic: Tango is sitting in her stone nest.*

**Tango was the very first penguin in the zoo to have two daddies.**

*Pic: Roy and Silo are standing next to each other looking very proud. They are looking at each other.*

**Soon Tango grew strong enough to leave the nest. Roy and Silo took her for a swim,**

*Pic: Tango has grown into a black and white penguin: he is swimming underwater.*

**just like all the other penguin families. And all the children who came to the zoo could see...**

*Pic: a mother has her hands on son and daughter’s shoulders. They are watching the penguins swimming.*

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**...Tango and her two fathers playing in the penguin house with the other penguins.**

*Pic: 2 children are looking through the glass into the penguins' pool where the penguin family is swimming.*

**“Hooray, Roy! Hooray, Silo! Welcome, Tango!” they cheered.**

*Pic: a little boy in a red stripey hat and blue jacket is looking through wide-open eyes. His mouth is wide open.*

**At night the three penguins returned to their nest. There they snuggled together and,**

*Pic: the 3 penguins are all standing close to each other together.*

**like all the other penguins in the penguin house, and all the other animals in the zoo,**

*Pic: 3 penguins are standing on a rocky ledge; the sun is setting behind them.*

**and all families in the big city around them, they went to sleep.**

*Pic: The 3 penguins are standing together with their heads on each other as if they are hugging.*

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