Puffins live in the colder northern seas. They are fast flyers. Their wings beat so quickly they are sometimes a blur. Puffins can fly up to 55 miles per hour! They also seem to fly through the water using their wings like paddles and webbed feet to steer. They have black and white feathers and colorful large, curved orange and black beaks. They are about the size of pigeons, 10 inches tall, but their bodies are very stocky. They are sometimes called “sea parrots”.

In the spring and summer, thousands of puffins gather together in colonies on the coasts. Each male and female build a “burrow” for the female to lay one egg. Both mother and father puffins take care of the egg and the baby puffin.

Puffins spend most of their time in the air or in the ocean. They eat fish and can hold as many as 10 fish or more in their beaks at one time.

1. Puffins live in ________________________
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2. They can fly up to ____________________!
3. The female puffin lays _________ egg in a
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4. Describe how puffins swim?
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5. They are sometimes called
   __________________________________

** Color the black and white pictures.
** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.