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Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   Gardens are green.

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2. Ash and gas shoot into the air.
   A volcano is a mountain that can erupt lava, ash and gas.
   Mountains are tall.

Penguins

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3. They eat fish and krill.
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   Birds live in many places.

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