All-Black Penguin Is ‘One in a Zillion’

Reading Comprehension: How Well Did You Read?
Color the circle before the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The ship’s passengers gazed at the colony of _____ Penguins.
   O a. Atlantic       O b. Emperor       O c. King       O d. Little
2. From their ship, the passengers could see _____ of penguins.
   O a. hundreds       O b. thousands       O c. millions       O d. zillions
3. Andrew Evans was able to take _____ of the all-black penguin.
   O a. samples       O b. feathers       O c. pictures       O d. patches
4. The reason the penguin is all black is likely tied to the amount of _____ it has.
   O a. friends       O b. enemies       O c. feathers       O d. melanin
5. The passengers traveling aboard this ship shared a most ____ experience.
   O a. horrible       O b. serious       O c. unbelievable       O d. expensive

Language Practice: Building Vocabulary
Circle the word that means the same as the word in bold type.

1. The ship traveled slowly along the coast of an island near Antarctica.
   lazily       rarely       rapidly       excitedly
2. As the ship’s passengers scanned the island scene, a few of them noticed an unusual sight.
   explored       viewed       walked       sailed
3. Based on what Andrew Evans saw, the all-black penguin seemed to be in excellent health.
   questionable       superb       failing       natural
4. The pictures Andrew Evans took are the first proof that an all-black penguin exists.
   survives       wobbles       surprises       exits
5. “This is astonishing,” said bird expert Allan Baker when he saw pictures of the penguin.
   shameful       pretty       frightening       amazing

Reading Comprehension: What’s the Main Idea?
Color the circle next to the statement that best sums up the main idea of this week’s News for You article.

O a. King Penguins dive deeper than any other type of penguin.
O b. Passengers were traveling on a ship not far from the coast of Antarctica.
O c. A most amazing site has scientists and other people talking about penguins.
O d. The all-black penguin seems to be fitting in with other penguins in the colony.