

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

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