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The Man and the Penguin

One day, a police officer was walking down the street. As he was walking, he saw a man with a penguin following him. "What are you doing with that penguin?" asked the police officer. "Nothing. I saw it in the street and then it started following me," replied the man. "Well, you should take it to the zoo," said the police officer. "Good idea," said the man, and off he went with the penguin behind him.



The next day, the police officer saw the man on the street again, with the penguin still behind him. "I thought I told you to take the penguin to the zoo," said the officer. "Oh, I did," replied the man, "and today I'm taking it to the movies."

Word Practice

Choose the best word.

1. "What did you eat for lunch?" "_____. I'm really hungry now!"
a. Penguin b. Nothing c. Still d. Again
2. She asked him a question, but he didn't _____.
a. walk b. see c. spin d. reply
3. Being a(n) _____ is dangerous.
a. street b. idea c. penguin d. police officer
4. Her pet dog _____ her to school.
a. replies b. tells c. studies d. follows

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is this reading about?
 - a. A funny story about a zoo
 - b. Where to go to see penguins
 - c. How to take care of a penguin
 - d. A funny problem in communication
2. Why does the man have a penguin?
 - a. It is his pet.
 - b. The police officer gave it to him.
 - c. He sells penguins.
 - d. The penguin just started to walk after him.
3. What does the police officer mean by "take it to the zoo"?
 - a. Show the penguin the zoo
 - b. Leave the penguin in the street
 - c. Give the penguin to the zoo
 - d. Watch the penguins at the zoo
4. What happens to the penguin?
 - a. The man gives it to the zoo.
 - b. The man gives it to the police officer.
 - c. The penguin stays with the man.
 - d. The penguin stays in the street.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

movies

street

following

officer

penguin



One day, a police officer saw a penguin in the 1 _____. It was 2 _____ a man. The police officer told the man to take the 3 _____ to the zoo. The next day, the police 4 _____ saw the man and the penguin again. This time, the man was taking the penguin to the 5 _____!