10 Penguin Mania

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE REAL PENGUINS?

Visit Sea Life Aquarium in London. It brings Antarctica to you!

In May 2011, Sea Life opened Ice Adventure – a new display showing a family of Gentoo penguins. This display is very different from other penguin exhibits* because visitors can get very close to the penguins. Visitors put on snow goggles and travel through an icy area that is one of the coldest places on Earth. They can touch walls of real ice or put their hands in freezing pools. Then they reach an ice cave. Here they can look at the penguins from a window and watch them playing and diving in the water. There is also a visitors' center where visitors can learn how to protect* penguins.

Toby Forer, the manager of Sea Life Aquarium, says that Ice Adventure is a different experience from just going to the zoo. He wants to give visitors a real taste of Antarctica right in the middle of London. Toby knows that penguins always make people smile and that's what he wants to do too. But he also wants to help visitors understand about the natural* world these birds live in and how we can make it a better place.

Facts About Gentoo Penguins

- Gentoo penguins live in Antarctica, one of the coldest places on Earth.
- They live in rocky places near the sea and like to jump from rock to rock.
- These friendly animals like to have fun.
- Gentoos are the fastest underwater swimming penguins. They can reach speeds of up to 36 kph* and dive to 170 meters.
- They can grow to be 90 centimeters high.

*exhibits תצוגות / عروض *natural טבע, טבעי / طبيعة، طبيعي

*protect להגן / يحمون *kph (kilometers per hour) קילומטרים לשעה / كيلومتر في الساعة

Reading Comprehension

Getting the Facts

1 Ice Adventure is the name of … .

a. an aquarium b. a new display c. a museum

2 1. Circle the correct answer, Yes or No.

Ice Adventure has been at Sea Life for many years. YES / NO

2. Copy the phrase from the text that helped you answer.

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3 Name two ways that Ice Adventure is different from other penguin exhibits.

1. .....

2. .....

4 Where can visitors learn about how to look after penguins?

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5 In lines 9-14, the reader learns why … .

a. it's important to teach people about the natural world

b. people like penguins

c. Antarctica is an interesting place

6 Write T (true) or F (false).

1. Gentoo penguins swim underwater very quickly. .....
2. They live all over the world. .....
3. They like to enjoy themselves. .....
4. They never jump because they live in very flat areas. .....

Putting It Together

7 Gentoo penguins are animals that like to have fun. Give an example of this from the text.

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Personal Response

8 Imagine you visited Ice Adventure. Write two things to tell your friends.

1. .....

2. .....

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