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**Level 2** – 19th May, 2020

## Bored penguins visit art museum

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200519-art-museum-2.html>

Some penguins visited an art museum for a day. Penguins from the Kansas City Zoo visited the nearby Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Bosses of the zoo and the art museum wanted the penguins to have a change of scenery. They were getting lonely because the coronavirus pandemic closed the zoo. They liked to see many visitors every day. A zoo official said: "Quarantine has caused everyone to go a little...crazy, even the residents of the Kansas City Zoo." He added: "Several of the penguins decided to go on a field trip to the [zoo], which is still closed, to get a little culture."

A director from the zoo said the penguins missed regularly seeing zoo visitors. He said: "We're always looking for ways to enrich [the penguins'] lives and stimulate their days. During this shutdown period, our animals really miss visitors." The museum's director joked that the penguins liked Italian art. He said: "They seemed to react much better to Caravaggio than to Monet." He added: "We are so happy to...welcome our colleagues from the zoo and they've brought special friends, and we're seeing how they react to art." The penguins are from Peru and Chile.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/penguins-zoo-missouri-art-museum-gallery-a9516656.html>  
<https://nypost.com/2020/05/15/penguins-waddle-around-art-museum-during-zoo-field-trip/>  
<https://www.ladbible.com/news/animals-penguins-wander-art-museum-on-field-trip-20200515>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200519-art-museum-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. penguins visited an art museum | a. Kansas City Zoo    |
| 2. have a change                  | b. for a day          |
| 3. the coronavirus pandemic       | c. on a field trip    |
| 4. They liked to see many         | d. closed the zoo     |
| 5. caused everyone to go a        | e. of scenery         |
| 6. the residents of the           | f. culture            |
| 7. penguins decided to go         | g. little crazy       |
| 8. get a little                   | h. visitors every day |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A director                  | a. miss visitors   |
| 2. regularly seeing            | b. to art          |
| 3. ways to enrich the          | c. our colleagues  |
| 4. During this shutdown        | d. zoo visitors    |
| 5. our animals really          | e. period          |
| 6. the penguins liked Italian  | f. from the zoo    |
| 7. happy to welcome            | g. art             |
| 8. we're seeing how they react | h. penguins' lives |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Some penguins visited an art museum (1) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Penguins from the Kansas City Zoo (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Bosses of the zoo and the art  
museum wanted the penguins to have a (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
They were getting lonely because the coronavirus pandemic closed  
the zoo. They liked to see (4) \_\_\_\_\_ day. A zoo  
official said: "Quarantine has caused everyone to go a little...crazy,  
even (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Kansas City Zoo." He added:  
"Several of the penguins decided to go on a field trip to the [zoo],  
which is still closed, to get (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

A director from the zoo said the penguins (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
zoo visitors. He said: "We're always (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
enrich [the penguins'] lives and stimulate their days. During this  
shutdown (9) \_\_\_\_\_ really miss visitors." The  
museum's director joked that the penguins liked Italian art. He said:  
"They seemed to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to Caravaggio than to  
Monet." He added: "We are so happy to...welcome  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo and they've brought special  
friends, and we're seeing how they (12) \_\_\_\_\_."  
The penguins are from Peru and Chile.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ART MUSEUMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200519-art-museum-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about art museums in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200519-art-museum-2.html>

Write about **art museums** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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