

Case 3: The kidnapped penguin



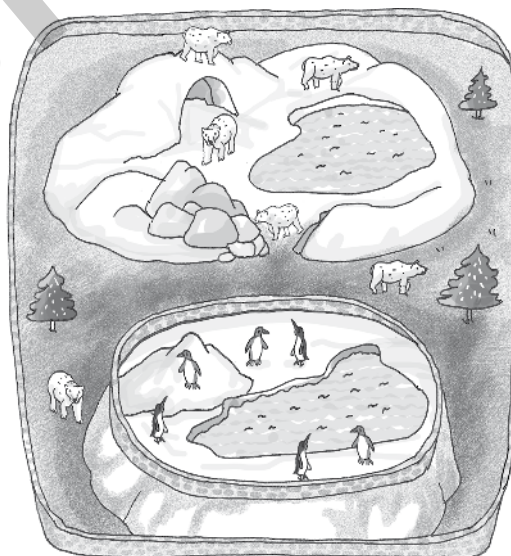
Archibald

Mr O'Brien

Newsreader

Chief Inspector Walker

Constable Fletcher



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Newsreader:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, this is the eight o'clock news on Radio Newport. A strange thing happened at Newport Zoo last night. A little penguin has disappeared and Mr O'Brien, the director of Newport Zoo, is still shocked.

Mr O'Brien:

This is a catastrophe! Archibald – this is the penguin's name – is our favourite penguin. He's quite small but he belongs to a very rare species which can swim very fast. All the children love him. We must find him as soon as possible!

Newsreader:

The police wonder how somebody could have kidnapped Archibald as all the penguins live on a piece of ground which is surrounded by a deep ditch, and in this ditch the dangerous polar bears move around. They would attack anyone who tried to climb into the ditch in order to get to the penguins. The police have no idea how it was possible to kidnap the poor penguin. We'll keep you informed. And now on to our next report. The Newport Football team yesterday won...



Ch.I. Walker:

Well, Constable Fletcher, this is a difficult case, isn't it? Let's have a look at the penguin area first. Mmh... the penguins live on a kind of island... and there's the ditch with the polar bears in it. There's a little wall on both sides to protect the visitors and the penguins from the polar bears... You can't jump across the ditch, it's too wide, you can't climb down into the ditch and up again because of the polar bears. How on earth can anyone kidnap a penguin from this area? Did your men notice anything unusual last night which could help us to solve this problem, Constable Fletcher?

C. Fletcher:

Well, not really. We carried out traffic controls near the zoo last night because we've had many cases of drunken driving in the last few weeks. There wasn't much traffic and so we stopped only three cars.

Ch.I. Walker:

Anything unusual about any of them?

C. Fletcher:

Not really... The first car we stopped was a very old car with three young men in it. All of them were drunk. We arrested the driver and sent the others home in a taxi. By the way, there was a horrible smell of fish in the car and...



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Ch. I. Walker:

Well, that *is* interesting, isn't it!

C. Fletcher:

The driver said that they had all eaten fish and chips in the car and that one of them had dropped a piece of fish which they couldn't find any more...

Ch. I. Walker:

Mmh... mmh... mmh... what about the other cars?

C. Fletcher:

The second car was a big SUV which belonged to a painter. He had a ladder on the roof along with some wooden planks which weren't fastened properly and he was going too fast. So, we fined him. He was a very rude man. He had his radio on in the car and it was very loud. When I asked him to turn it down, he didn't because he was listening to his favourite song, he said. There are some people who have no respect for police officers!

Ch. I. Walker:

I'm afraid you're right...

C. Fletcher:

The third car we stopped was a sports car which was going much too fast and one of the headlights was out of order. When we checked the car, we noticed that there was a strange smell. The driver explained that he had bought fish food for his goldfish the day before and that there had been a little hole in the plastic bag so that there was still some fish food on the floor of the car. I think that one of the cars was involved in the crime, but we simply don't know which one.

Ch. I. Walker:

Don't worry, Constable, it's fairly obvious who kidnapped the penguin...

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Listening Comprehension

1. * Tick the correct ending of the sentence.

- a) You can't get to the penguins because...
- there is a fence around their area.
 - there is a deep ditch.
 - there is water around their area.
- b) The three young men in the car...
- were singing a song.
 - were very tired.
 - were drunk.
- c) The police stopped the sports car because...
- one of the headlights was broken.
 - the driver was drunk.
 - the driver was transporting goldfish.
- d) There was a horrible smell in the young men's car because...
- they were all drunk.
 - they were transporting fish food.
 - they had eaten fish and chips.
- e) The driver of the SUV needed the ladder because...
- he was a painter.
 - wanted to repair his neighbour's roof.
 - wanted to climb up an apple tree.



2. * * The reporter who wrote this article for the Newport Chronicle was not paying attention and got a number of facts wrong. Cross out the wrong information and correct it.

Mysterious kidnapping at Newport Zoo

Newport police reported this morning that two polar bear babies were kidnapped from Newport Zoo. As the lions' area is surrounded by a deep ditch in which the penguins live the police are sure they know who kidnapped them. They stopped three car drivers last night and one of them, a lorry driver, said he had bought fish and chips for his children. The police often carry out controls on the streets near the zoo because drunken drivers sometimes run over zoo animals.

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