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Bored penguins visit art museum – 19th May, 2020

Level 0

Penguins from a zoo in Kansas visited a local art museum. The zoo and the art museum wanted the penguins to do something different. The coronavirus pandemic closed the zoo. The penguins became lonely. The zoo said: "The penguins decided to go on a trip to the zoo to get a little culture."

The penguins missed seeing zoo visitors. The zoo said: "During this shutdown period, our animals really miss visitors." The museum joked that the penguins liked Italian art. It said they liked the artist Caravaggio more than Monet. It was happy the penguins liked the art. The penguins are from Peru and Chile.

Level 1

Penguins from the Kansas City Zoo visited an art museum for a day. They went to the nearby Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The zoo and the art museum wanted the penguins to have a change of scenery. The coronavirus pandemic closed the zoo so the penguins were lonely. A zoo official said: "Quarantine has caused everyone to go a little...crazy....Several of the penguins decided to go on a field trip to the zoo to get a little culture."

The penguins missed regularly seeing zoo visitors. The zoo said: "We're always looking for ways to enrich [the penguins'] lives....During this shutdown period, our animals really miss visitors." The museum joked that the penguins liked Italian art. It said: "They seemed to react much better to Caravaggio than to Monet." It added: "We are so happy...seeing how they react to art." The penguins are from Peru and Chile.

Level 2

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.

Level 3

A group of penguins became a tour group for the day when they visited an art museum. The penguins were from the Kansas City Zoo in the USA. The zoo teamed up with the nearby Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Bosses of both the zoo and the art museum decided the penguins needed a change of scenery. The penguins were getting lonely because the zoo is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. They are used to seeing many visitors every day. A zoo official said: "Quarantine has caused everyone to go a little stir crazy, even the residents of the Kansas City Zoo. So several of the penguins decided to go on a field trip to the Nelson-Atkins, which is still closed, to get a little culture."

The zoo's executive director, Randy Wisthoff, said the penguins have missed their regular interactions with zoo visitors. He said: "We're always looking for ways to enrich their lives and stimulate their days. During this shutdown period, our animals really miss visitors coming up to see them." The museum director joked that the penguins liked the art of Italian artists. He said: "They seemed to react much better to Caravaggio than to Monet." He added: "We are so happy today to welcome our colleagues from the zoo and they've brought special friends and we're seeing how they react to art." The penguins that visited the museum were Humboldt penguins, which are native to Peru and Chile.