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NO

### Rockhopper Penguins



What usually comes to your mind when you think of penguins? They live in the snow. They are black and white. They waddle from place to place.

You probably don't think of jumping birds with spiked haircuts. That may be because you have never seen a Rockhopper penguin.

Rockhopper penguins live on islands in the frigid ocean waters around the continent of Antarctica. They have a special layer of fat that is useful in keeping them warm in the frigid wind, but they do not spend most of their lives in the snow as many other penguins do. They like high grasses in less snowy climates. Their favorite grassy places are near rocky areas above deep water. These areas are perfect for building nests.

Rockhopper penguins are like other penguins in many ways. They have big heads and short, thick necks. Their bodies are mostly black and white. They have small wings that are more like flippers than actual wings. And they have pink webbed feet and bright orange beaks.

However, it would be pretty easy to pick out a Rockhopper in a crowd of other penguins. Rockhoppers have wild black and yellow feathers that stick up on the sides of their heads. This makes the penguins look like they have a lot of brilliantly colored hair.

The fluffy yellow stripes of "hair" sometimes hide their bright red eyes. When these birds get excited, they shake out their "hair" so that it stands straight up!

Another way to spot a Rockhopper is by the way it moves. Rockhoppers don't waddle around like ordinary penguins. Just as their name suggests, they hop from rock to rock. They keep their feet close together and can hop up to five feet in a single jump! They also are the only penguins that hop into the water. That's right—Rockhoppers hop into the water feet first while all other penguins dive in headfirst.



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Which of these contains information from the passage that **best** shows how Rockhopper penguins are different from other penguins?

- A. Rockhopper penguins have short, thick necks.
- B. Rockhopper penguins feed on different kinds of fish.
- C. Rockhopper penguins live on islands near Antarctica.
- D. Rockhopper penguins like high grasses and less snowy areas.

**CSO: RLA.O.5.1.06 – DOK: 2**

**Students will determine main ideas and locate supporting details in literary passages and informational texts.**

**Rationale:**

**A:** The student chose a response that is a detail from the passage, but one that is irrelevant to the element referred to in the question.

**B:** The student chose a response that is a detail related to the passage, but is not stated in the passage and may require prior knowledge.

**C:** The student chose a response that is a detail related to the element referred to in stem, but is not a critical supporting detail.

**D: Correct Response:** The student chose the correct response, demonstrating that the student can identify text that best describes or supports a passage element.



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## Benjamin the Blade, Pedro the Weird, and Mudge the Puppy

By Katelyn Davis

There once was a cat named Benjamin. He was of mixed breed and had snow white fur with five black spots on his head. Benjamin and a rabbit named Thumper were the pampered pets of the Davis family. Benjamin, of course, had crowned himself "King of the Pets" as he knew that the rabbit would never question his place. Life was pretty perfect until one day when a new pet was brought home to live with the family. The Davis family named this strange looking creature that was a mix between a cocker spaniel and a beagle, Pedro.

Pedro was clumsy, which Benjamin though was funny. Pedro would invariably run smack into the back porch steps when he rounded the house in a hurry. Benjamin would look at Pedro when he did things like this with an expression that clearly said he did not think the dog was at all as clever as he, Benjamin the cat. Thumper just stayed inside his cage and watched them both.

One day Benjamin was taking one of his cat naps on the windowsill when he was awakened by Pedro's constant barking. Benjamin tried to ignore the racket, but it was so annoying that he was soon fully awake and he realized why Pedro was barking. It was a storm and Pedro was apparently not used to storms and thought the lightening was fire and the thunder was someone trying to break the door down to steal him!

One day their owners decided to give both of them gifts. Pedro got a piece of peppermint and Benjamin got a toy mouse. They both loved these gifts but they received another great gift as well. It was a huge white blanket that covered the entire surface of ground outside. Pedro begged to go out because he thought it would be warm and fuzzy, but he discovered it to be cold and wet. However, he soon learned how much fun it was to run and play and watch the white, fluffy snow fly up around his legs. Benjamin stayed inside curled up on the windowsill where he fell asleep watching Pedro.

One day while both pets were sleeping, Katie, their little owner came in with something wrapped in a blanket. Katie unwrapped the blanket and inside was a little boxer mix puppy with a white chest and white paws. Katie said, "This is your new friend, Mudge. Be nice to him because he is only ten weeks old. He is a little scared to be in a new place. We rescued him from the side of the road. We will take him to the vet soon to make sure he is well. I think he will fit nicely into our animal family."

Mudge immediately noticed Thumper in his cage and waddled straight over to him. The rabbit let out a sound as close to a growl as a rabbit could do and Mudge let out his first little puppy "yip". Next, Mudge ran to Benjamin, who laid back his ears and gave him a generous slap with his paws. Mudge yelped and stayed away from Benjamin after that.

The vet said Mudge had Parvoe and had only a 75% chance to live. Mudge spent two nights at the vet and by the third morning he was eating and getting stronger. He was able to come home. Benjamin had hoped he would not see that puppy again and was not happy when he returned. But, as time passed, all animals settled into a happy routine and enjoyed playing tricks on each other and the comforts of the Davis house. All lived to be old fellas and had many years of happiness together.



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Read these two paragraphs —

**From Rockhopper Penguins**

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**From Benjamin the Blade**

Another time their owners decided to give them gifts. Pedro got a piece of peppermint (which he thought was the best thing in the world) and Benjamin got a toy mouse. They both loved their gifts very much. Pedro and Benjamin got another great gift also. They got a huge, white blanket that covered the ground. When Pedro went out, he thought it was going to be warm and fuzzy, but it was cold and wet. Soon however he began to enjoy the snow, unlike Benjamin, who went back inside to curl up on the windowsill and fall asleep watching Pedro run around and get wet.

Based on the paragraphs, which of these is most accurate?

- A. Animals have a choice between being indoors or being outdoors.
- B. Animals like to have a variety of places where they can spend their time.
- C. Animals like to play with each other in the grass in all kinds of weather.
- D. Animals with fur like snow but animals that don't have fur like to stay inside instead

**CSO: RLA.O.5.1.10 – DOK: 3**

**Students will compare and contrast text connections to self, to other texts and to world cultures in literary and informational texts.**

**Rationale:**

**A:** Penguins in 1st paragraph do not have a choice of where to live.

**B:** Correct Response: All of the animals mentioned have a number of places where they like to spend time.

**C:** 2nd paragraph does not mention playing in the grass.

**D:** The cat has fur but likes to be inside instead of in the snow.