



PIERRE THE PENGUIN DONS A WETSUIT TO KEEP WARM

What's black and white and warm all over? A penguin in a wetsuit. It (**sound, sounds**) like a joke, but biologists at the California Academy of Sciences had a wetsuit created for an African penguin to help him get back in to the swim of things.

Pierre, a venerable 25 years old, was going bald, which left him with an embarrassingly exposed, pale pink behind.

Unlike marine mammals, which have a layer of blubber to keep them warm, penguins (**rely, relays**) on their waterproof feathers. Without them, Pierre (**was, were**) unwilling to plunge into the academy's penguin tank and ended up shivering on the sidelines while his 19 peers played in the water.

Pierre the penguin, 25, (**wear, wears**) his customized wetsuit

"He was cold; he would shake," said Pam Schaller, a senior aquatic biologist at the academy. Pierre's species of penguin (**is, are**) accustomed to temperate climates, unlike many of their cousins. Schaller first tried a heat lamp to keep Pierre warm. Then she was struck by the inspiring idea of a mini-wetsuit. The penguin suit was created by staff at Oceanic Worldwide, a supplier of diving gear, who said they were "really excited" by the challenge.

Pierre the penguin (**scramble, scrambles**) out of the water, and (**is, are**) checked over by aquatic biologist Pam Schaller. Schaller conducted fittings to design the suit, which (**fasten, fastens**) with Velcro at the back, covers Pierre's torso and has small openings for his flippers.

"I (**walk, walks**) behind him and look at where there were any gaps, and cut and refit and cut and refit until it looked like it was extremely streamlined," she said.

One concern (**was, were**) that the other penguins would reject Pierre in his new clothes, but they quickly accepted his sleek new look.

Pierre was outfitted with the suit about six weeks ago. Since then, he (**has, had**) gained weight, grown back feathers on his hind parts and is acting once again like a feisty, alpha-male alongside his devoted mate. Pierre has now recovered his fine feathers. With his plumage restored, Pierre is being weaned off the suit and joining his au naturel friends.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1016977/Pierre-penguin-dons-wetsuit-warm.html>



Choose the appropriate word for each blank. Make sure the verb agrees with the subject.

1. Pierre, along with the other penguins, _____ in the pool daily.

2. However, Pierre _____ lost his feathers and _____ now too cold in the pool.

3. Not only Pierre but also his fellow penguins _____ embarrassed by his pink behind.

4. Scientists _____ a special suit for Pierre to wear.

5. Twenty-five years _____ Pierre's age.

6. John and Sue, two of the other penguins, _____ Pierre just like all the others.

7. Every penguin and fish and bird and creature _____ that Pierre is just the same penguin he was before the wetsuit.

8. Pierre, wearing the wetsuit, _____ better about himself each day.

9. Families _____ Pierre play with all the other penguins.

10. The flock _____ Pierre's new wetsuit.



WORD BANK:

Like/likes

Watch/watches

Has/have

Is/are

Treat/treats

Understand/

understands

Accept/accepts

Swim/swims

Is/Are

Play/plays

Is/are

Develop/develops

Feel/feels