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"911. What's your emergency?"

"I don't know that it's an emergency exactly, but there are, like, 800 \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ penguins running around in Central Park. Just thought someone should know."

Jared, the phone operator, stared at his computer screen. "What."

"I'm just \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Present ends in ING* \_\_\_\_\_ to help these penguins. There are, like, \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ 800 penguins here ."

"You said that already. And...I mean," Jared stuttered, "No one else has \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Past Tense* \_\_\_\_\_ to say the same thing."

"I mean, I see people \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Present ends in ING* \_\_\_\_\_ with penguins," the caller replied. "I don't know one else has called. Come to think of it, I would love \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Base Form* \_\_\_\_\_ with them, too. Can I hang up now?"

"What? No." Jared said. "So, like, no one else is there \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Present ends in ING* \_\_\_\_\_ to get the penguins?"

"I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_. I've been meaning to get his attention, but I decided just to call you."

"Why?" Jared asked.

"The \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_ went to \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Base Form* \_\_\_\_\_ with the penguins, too."

"Are you kidding me?"

"No, so I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Base Form* \_\_\_\_\_ you."

"I don't believe you," Jared decided.

"What?" the caller \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb Past Tense* \_\_\_\_\_. "That's so insulting! I'm telling the truth! Want me to put a penguin on the

phone?"

Jared squinted, as though the caller were in front of him, "...Sure."

There was the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective sound of the caller moving the phone and then...

EEE-HAW!

"There, do you believe me now?" the caller said, rather \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb.

"That was a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective donkey," Jared replied.

"\_\_\_\_\_ Adjective Penguins tend to sound like donkeys!"

"Why would a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective penguin sound like a donkey?" Jared asked.

"I'm sure I do not know," the caller said.

"Okay, \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form not to be a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective about it," Jared said. "So...800 \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective

penguins. Fine, I'll send a car out."

"Thank you, that's all I wanted."

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"Officer, are there really 800 \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective penguins?" Jared asked later.

"Well, I have good news and bad news," the officer said.

"Okay?"

"There are not 800 \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective penguins here," the officer said.

"I thought so."

"There are 800 \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective donkeys here."

"What?" Jared asked. "Are you kidding me right now?"

"No," the officer replied. "Turns out the person who called before was blind."