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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."