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Once there was a boy and one day he found a penguin at his door. The boy didn't know where he had come from, but it began to follow him in everywhere. The penguin looked sad and the boy thought he might be lost. So the boy decided to help the penguin find its way home. He checked in the lost and found office. But no one was missing a penguin.

He asked some birds if they knew where the penguin came from. But they ignored him. Some birds are like that. The boy asked his duck. But the duck floated away. He didn't know.

That night, the boy couldn't sleep for disappointment. He wanted to help the penguin, but didn't know how. The next morning, he discovered that penguins come from the South Pole. But how could he get there? He ran down to the harbour and asked a big ship to take them to the South Pole. But his voice was much too small to be heard over the ship's horn.

So together, he and the penguin would row to the South Pole. The boy took his rowboat out of the cupboard and they tested it for size and strength. They packed everything they would need... and together they pushed the rowboat out to sea. They rowed south for many days and nights with the boy telling stories all the way. The penguin listened to everything the boy said.

They floated through good weather and bad, when the waves were as big a mountains, until they came to the South Pole. The boy was delighted, but the penguin said nothing. Suddenly, it looked sad again as the boy helped it out of the boat. The boy said goodbye and floated away. But as he looked back the penguin looked sadder than ever.

It felt strange to be on his own and the more he thought the more he realised he was making a big mistake. The penguin wasn't lost, he was just lonely. Quickly he turned around and headed back to the South Pole as fast as he could. At last he reached the South Pole again but where was the penguin? The boy searched but he was nowhere to be found. Sadly the boy set off for home. There was no point telling stories because there was no one to listen, except the wind and the waves.

But then the boy saw something in the water ahead of him. Closer and closer he got until he could see... the penguin. And so the boy and his friend went home together, talking of wonderful things all the way.

1. What did the little boy find on his doorstep?

A bag

A penguin

A cat

A dog

2. Circle the word that means 'unusual'.

nice

cold

strange

big

3. What were the waves as big as?

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4. Tick the word that describes the North Pole.

muddy

icy

sandy

hot

5. Tick to show if these statements are true or false.

	True	False
The boy thought the penguin was lost.		
Penguins come from the North Pole.		
The penguin was really just lonely.		
The birds told the boy where the penguin came from.		

6. How did the penguin feel when the boy left him at the South Pole?

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Draw a picture to show what you think happens when the boy and the penguin get home.

