

READING

A day at the ZOO

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

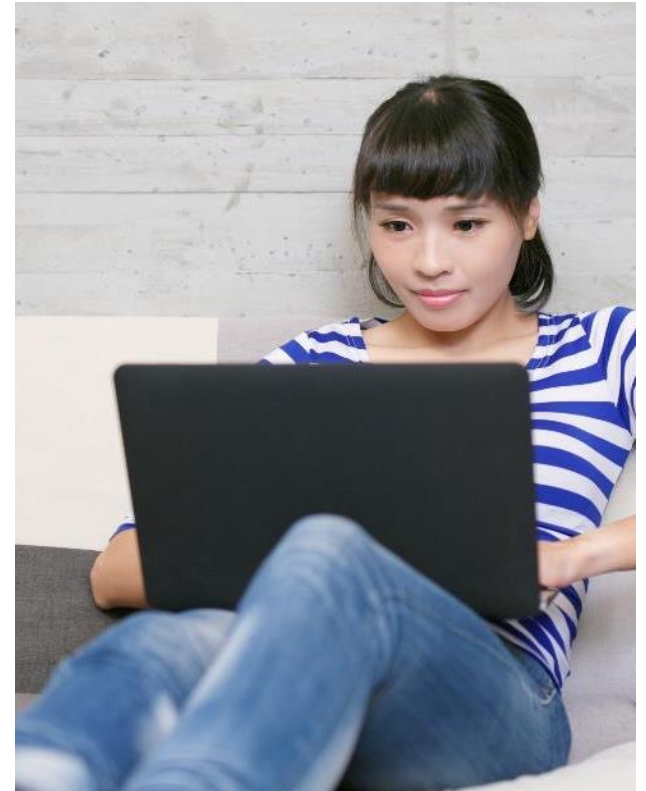
- I can understand a text about animals.
- I can express my views on various animal-related issues in simple terms.



Warm-up

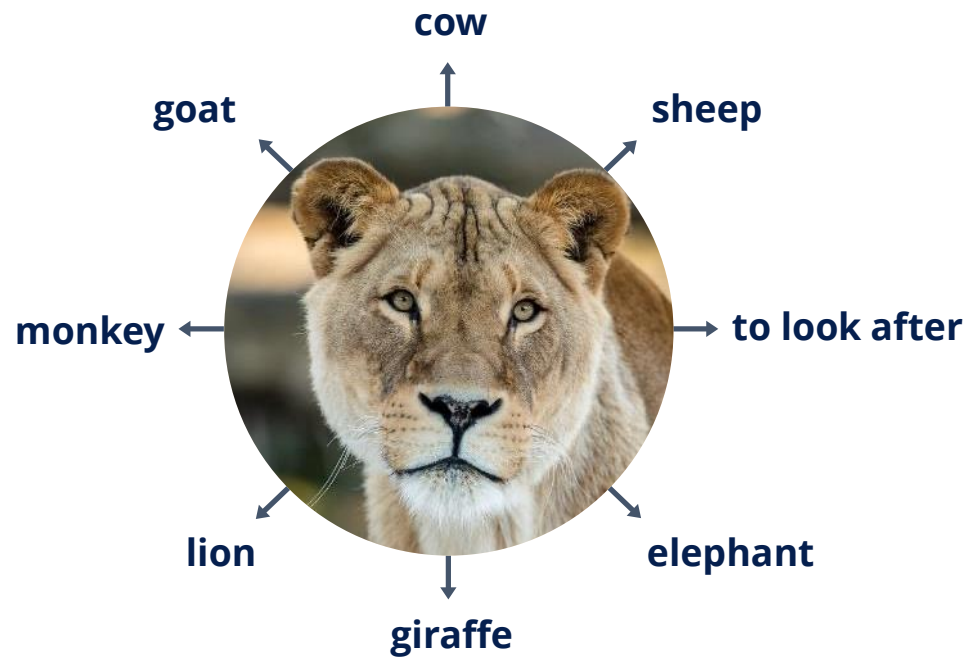
**Do you like going
to the zoo? Why or
why not?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Vocabulary review





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We get wool from **sheep**.

We get milk from **cows**.





Vocabulary review



Lions live in Africa.

Giraffes have very long necks.



Monkeys live in trees.

Elephants have big ears.



A day at the zoo (1/3)

Read the text below.

Steve has been busy all week. Today, he is taking the day off. It's Saturday afternoon, and he is at the zoo with Erin, Tom, and Sara. It's a beautiful sunny day, and they are all eating ice cream and looking at the animals. They are walking slowly and enjoying the day.

'I never go to the zoo. This is fun!' says Tom.

'I sometimes go to the zoo in the summer. I really enjoyed it when I was a kid,' says Erin.

'I don't like animals much, but I do like ice cream,' says Sara.

'What about you, Steve? Do you like animals?' asks Erin.

Steve finishes his ice cream and thinks for a moment. 'I like animals, but I don't like to take care of them. I want a dog. I often see people with dogs at the park. I love dogs, but they are too much work,' he answers.





Categorise the statements

Choose the correct character.

- 1 Never goes to the zoo.
- 2 Really enjoyed the zoo when they were a kid.
- 3 Likes animals but doesn't like taking care of them.
- 4 Doesn't like animals much.
- 5 Wants a dog.
- 6 Sometimes goes to the zoo in summer.

Sara

Erin

Tom

Steve



Matching

Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

1 Steve has been busy all week...

a ...with dogs at the park.

2 They are all eating ice cream and...

b 'This is fun!'

3 Tom says...

c ...he likes animals.

4 Erin asks Steve if...

d ...but he has taken the day off because it is Saturday.

5 Steve says he sees people...

e ...looking at the animals.



Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**What are some animals
that live in your
country?**



**Are there any
poisonous animals
in your country?**

**What are some pros
and cons of having a
pet?**

A day at the zoo (2/3)

Read the text below.

They are deciding which animals to look at next. They already looked at the elephants, the giraffes and the lions.

'I always like to look at the monkeys,' says Steve.

'That's a good idea, I love monkeys!' says Tom. They walk over to the monkeys. They are running around the cage and playing. Tom waves his ice cream at them.

'Don't tease them!' says Erin. It's too late. One of the monkeys looks at Tom angrily. It comes closer to them.

'It's OK, they can't get us. They are locked in a cage,' says Tom. Suddenly, something hits Tom on the head. They look down and see half an apple lying on the ground. The monkey threw it at him. It doesn't look angry anymore. Now, it looks happy.





Multiple choice

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

- 1 They decide to look at the _____ next.
a. elephants **b. monkeys**
- 2 Tom waves his _____ at the monkeys.
a. cage **b. ice cream**
- 3 The monkey looks at Tom _____.
a. carefully **b. angrily**
- 4 'Don't _____ them!' says Erin.
a. play with **b. tease**
- 5 After the monkey throws the apple, it looks _____.
a. happy **b. angry**

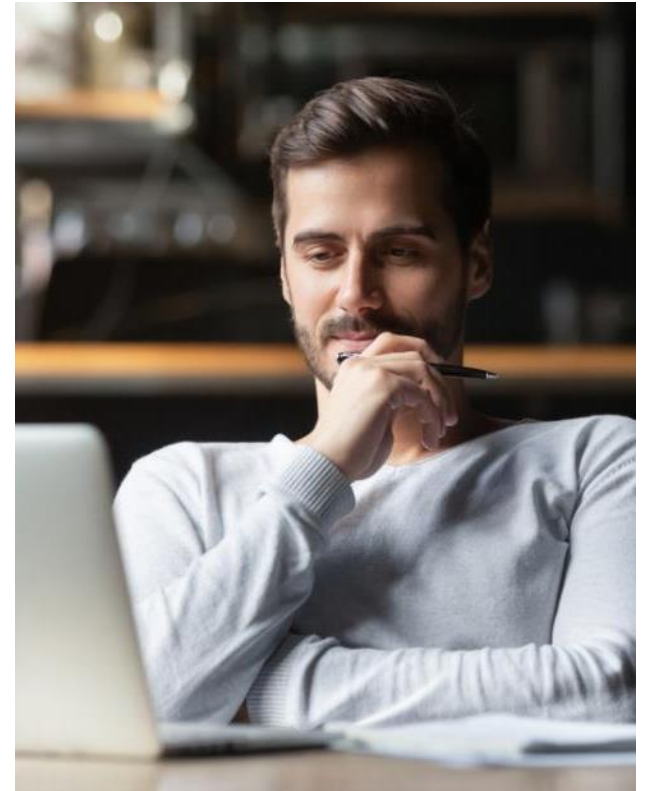


Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Are there animal rights groups where you live?

Share your answer with the rest of the class!



A day at the zoo (3/3)

Read the text below.

'I told you not to tease the monkey,' says Erin. Everyone laughs at Tom.

'Where should we go next?' asks Sara.

They have seen most of the zoo. There is still an aquarium and a petting zoo for children. The petting zoo has cows, goats, sheep, and horses. Visitors can feed them.

'I want to feed the animals!' says Erin.

'That's for kids! Let's go see the sharks!' says Tom.

'There are dolphins in the aquarium too. I like them. They are really clever,' says Sara.

They decide to go to the aquarium first, and then spend the rest of the day feeding the animals in the petting zoo.





We took the children to **the petting zoo** at the weekend.



A **petting zoo** is a special zoo, or area in a larger zoo, that has animals that you can touch and even feed, under the supervision of the workers there.



Have you ever been to a petting zoo?



What animals do you think are usually in petting zoos?





Answer the questions

Answer the questions below based on the text on the previous slide.

1 What did Erin tell Tom not to do?

2 What does Erin want to do? What about Tom?

3 What do they decide to do?





Discuss

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions below.

**Sara says that dolphins are smart.
Do you agree with her?**

**What other characteristics do
animals have?**

Monkeys are...

Dogs are...

Elephants are...



End of the lesson

Idiom

to let the cat out of the bag

Meaning: to tell a secret accidentally

Example: She let the cat out of the bag at the party and told everyone that Jane is pregnant.



Additional practice



Transform the sentences

Transform the sentences from the text using I.

1 Steve has been busy all week.



I have been busy all week.

2 They are eating ice cream.



3 Steve finishes his ice cream.



4 They are deciding which animals to look at next.



5 They walk over to the monkeys.



6 Tom prefers to go to the aquarium.





Matching

1. **Match** the words with the picture.
2. Then, **describe** the animals.

1



2



3



4



5



6



a elephant

b lion

c tiger

d monkey

e giraffe

f rhinoceros



Discuss

Answer the question below.

**Which animals
would you like to
see at the zoo?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Answer key

P.8:

Sara: 4

Erin: 2, 6

Tom: 1

Steve: 3, 5

P.9: 1.) d 2.) e 3.) b 4.) c 5.) a

P.12: 1.) b 2.) b 3.) b 4.) b 5.) a

P.21: 2.) I am eating ice cream. 3.) I finish my ice cream. 4.) I am deciding which animals to look at next. 5.) I walk over to the monkeys. 6.) I prefer to go to the aquarium.

P.22: 1.) e 2.) d 3.) b 4.) f 5.) c 6.) a



Summary

A text about animals:

- *cow; sheep; to look after; elephant; giraffe; lion; monkey; goat*
- *They already looked at the elephants, the giraffes and the lions.*

Expressing your views about animals:

- *There are dolphins in the aquarium too. I like them. They are really clever.*
- *I like animals, but I don't like to take care of them.*



Vocabulary

cow

sheep

to look after

elephant

giraffe

lion

monkey

goat

