A Day at the Zoo

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They watched as the monkeys played in the tree. Pat’s tummy grumbled. “I think it must be time for lunch,” said Dad.

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A Day at the Zoo: Questions

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2. Why did Dad say they would come back to see the lions later?
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3. How many monkeys were there altogether?
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5. Where were Pat and Dad going at the end?
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A Day at the Zoo: Answers

1. Where did Pat and Dad go first?
   
   To see the lions.

2. Why did Dad say they would come back to see the lions later?

   The lions were asleep.

3. How many monkeys were there altogether?

   Six.

4. Why did Dad say "It’s time for lunch"?

   Pat’s tummy grumbled.

5. Where were Pat and Dad going at the end?

   Back to the lions.

6. Draw Pat’s lunch.

   The picture should show a hamburger.
A Day at the Zoo: Activities

Literacy

- Write a passage explaining what your favourite animal is and why.
- Write a story about an animal escaping from the zoo. How did the animal escape? Is it recaptured? What trouble does the animal cause?
- A gorilla has just been born at the zoo. Create an advertisement to let people know and encourage them to come to see it!

Numeracy

- There were four monkeys sitting on a tree branch and two more were climbing up the trunk. How many were there altogether? Write your own worded math problems with an animal theme.
- Lions eat about 6 kilograms of food each day. Search through food catalogues and make a list of how much food it would take to fill up a lion!

Science

- Research: How are apes and monkeys different?
- What do lions eat? Draw a food web.

Art and Design

- Create your own animal by combining features of other animals. Draw and label. Make sure you explain why you chose those features. What is your animal called? What food would it eat? Where would your animal live?
- Design your own zoo. Draw from a bird’s eye view and label.
- You are in charge of the local zoo. Your job is to choose a new animal for your zoo. Design an enclosure for this animal. Think about what your chosen animal’s natural habitat is like. This will help you to decide what the enclosure will look like and what features it will have. Draw and label.
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