



Year 3 Comprehension 5: A trip to the Zoo



In the sunny city of Canberra, there lived a happy family – Dad, Mum, and their two children, Lily and Max. It was a beautiful Saturday morning, and the family decided to embark on an exciting adventure to the Canberra Zoo. As they arrived at the zoo, Lily and Max's eyes sparkled with anticipation. They couldn't wait to see all the amazing animals they had read about in books and seen on TV. They entered through the zoo gates, and the first animal they spotted was a majestic lion with a mighty roar. Lily and Max were in awe of its strength and beauty.

The family strolled through the zoo, marveling at the various animal exhibits. They saw cheeky monkeys swinging from tree branches, colorful parrots chirping in their vibrant feathers, and tall giraffes munching on leaves from tall trees. Lily and Max's excitement grew with each new animal they discovered.

One of their favorite stops was the penguin enclosure. They watched as the penguins waddled and slid across the icy water, their sleek feathers shimmering in the sunlight. Lily and Max giggled as they imitated the penguins' funny waddle.

Next, they visited the reptile house, where they encountered slithering snakes, sleepy turtles, and even a friendly lizard that seemed to be smiling at them. The children learned fascinating facts about each reptile from the zookeeper, who was happy to share her knowledge.

The family's adventure continued as they explored the African Savannah section of the zoo. They saw zebras with their black-and-white stripes, graceful gazelles leaping across the grasslands, and even a majestic elephant with its long trunk and large ears. The children were captivated by these magnificent creatures and couldn't stop asking questions.



After a busy morning of animal encounters, the family sat down for a picnic near a shady tree. They enjoyed delicious sandwiches and refreshing fruit while sharing their favorite moments from the day. Dad mentioned how he loved seeing the kangaroos hop around freely in their spacious enclosure, while Mum talked about the playful dolphins at the marine exhibit.

With their energy replenished, the family set off to visit the last exhibit of the day – the nocturnal house. They tiptoed into the dimly lit building and discovered creatures that were active during the night. Lily and Max saw cute sugar gliders gliding from branch to branch, tiny bats hanging upside down, and even a sleepy owl hooting softly.

As the day drew to a close, the family walked back towards the exit, cherishing the memories they had made. Lily and Max couldn't stop talking about their favorite animals and the fascinating things they had learned. They agreed that it had been the best day ever.

With smiles on their faces, the family bid farewell to the Canberra Zoo, promising to return soon. As they drove home, Lily and Max drifted off to sleep, dreaming about their next adventure and the incredible animals they would meet.

And so, their day at the Canberra Zoo became a cherished memory, reminding them of the wonders of the animal kingdom and the joy of exploring nature together as a family.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What city did the family visit the zoo in?

- a) Sydney
- b) Melbourne
- c) Canberra
- d) Brisbane

2. What were the names of the two children in the story?

- a) Lily and Max
- b) Emily and Jack
- c) Sophie and Ethan
- d) Olivia and Noah

3. What animal did the family see first at the zoo?

- a) Lion
- b) Elephant
- c) Penguin
- d) Giraffe

4. Where did the penguins live in the zoo?

- a) Reptile house
- b) African Savannah
- c) Nocturnal house
- d) Penguin enclosure



5. Which section of the zoo had zebras and gazelles?

- a) Reptile house
- b) African Savannah
- c) Nocturnal house
- d) Penguin enclosure

6. What did the family do during their picnic?

- a) Fed the animals
- b) Played games
- c) Watched a show
- d) Ate sandwiches

7. What animals did the family see in the reptile house?

- a) Monkeys
- b) Turtles
- c) Dolphins
- d) Kangaroos

8. Where did the family see the kangaroos?

- a) African Savannah
- b) Nocturnal house
- c) Penguin enclosure
- d) Australian exhibit



9. What animals did the family see in the nocturnal house?

- a) Snakes
- b) Zebras
- c) Bats
- d) Giraffes

What type of bird did the family see in the Nocturnal House?

- a) Owls
- b) Parrots
- c) Peacocks
- d) Sparrows



Short Answer Questions

1. What day did the family go to the zoo?

2. Name one animal that the family saw in the African Savannah section.

3. What was Lily and Max's favourite part of the zoo?

4. Describe what the atmosphere of the nocturnal house was.



5. What did the family do during their picnic at the zoo?

6. Name one animal they saw in the reptile house.

7. What did Lily and Max find funny about the penguins?

8. Which animal did the family see first when they entered the zoo?

9. What did Lily and Max dream about as they fell asleep after their zoo visit?



10. What did the family promise to do before leaving the Canberra zoo?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. C) Canberra
2. A) Lily and Max
3. A) Lion
4. C) Penguin Enclosure
5. B) African Savannah
6. D) Ate sandwiches
7. B) Turtles
8. D) Australian Exhibit
9. C) Bats
10. A) Owls

Short Answer

1. The family visited on a Saturday
2. Answers may vary: Zebras, Gazelles or Elephant
3. Their favourite part was the penguin enclosure.
4. The nocturnal house was dimly lit and had creatures active during the night
5. During the picnic, the family enjoyed sandwiches and fruit.
6. Answers may vary: Slithering snakes, sleepy turtles and Lizards.
7. They found it funny how the penguins waddled and slid on the ice.
8. The first animal they saw was a lion
9. They dreamt about their next adventure and the incredible animals they would meet.
10. They promised to return to the zoo soon.