

Summer Skills Initiative

Reading Journal Lesson 2



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Reading Journal

Student Name:	Class:	Date:
Title	Biodiversity and Ecotourism	
Source	LS4UAE	

Reading Goals

Read and understand a text about Biodiversity and Ecotourism.

Text

My name is Zayed, and I am planning a trip to Oman. Have you heard about ecotourism? Ecotourists visit natural areas to see plants and animals. It is important for ecotourists to be responsible and follow rules so that they do not harm the environment. If people are not careful, they can damage natural areas that scientists and governments work hard to protect.

There are lots of parks and reserves full of unique plants and wildlife in Oman. I am interested in visiting the Al-Dimaniyat Islands Nature Reserve. The reserve is a group of nine islands, and I am excited to see the animals that live there. I have also been reading about the Al Saleel Natural Park and Jebel Samhan. Even though I have been to the Emirates Park Zoo in Abu Dhabi, the animals there live-in captivity.

I think I would prefer to see them in their natural environment, in the wild. Hopefully, I will get the chance to see the Arabian leopard while I am in Oman. It is my favourite animal!



An Arabian leopard at the Emirates Park Zoo in Abu Dhabi

Questions		Textual Evidence
<i>Answer each question with at least one complete sentence.</i>		<i>Write down the words or sentences from the text that helped you answer each question.</i>
Understanding Overall Meaning and Main Ideas	What is ecotourism?	
Identifying Specific Information and Inferencing	How are zoos and nature reserves the same?	
Making Connections	Why do the people who know Moza say that she needs time to think?	

Reflection

Do you prefer to see protected animals at a zoo or in their natural environment? Why?

