

# The Zoo



**LI:** Create pictures in my head of the characters, the setting and the action

**SC:** Imagine being at the zoo

Describe the animals and where they are

Yesterday my family went to the zoo to see the elephant, someone said it was as big as a house. When we got to the zoo, we went to the shop to buy some food to give to the animals. I wanted to buy some lollies but mum said, "No! We are here for the animals."

After getting the food we went to the nocturnal house where we saw birds and reptiles which only come out at night.

"It is hard to see in here." I said to mum.

"That's because these animals only come out at night. That's what nocturnal means." She said.

Before lunch we went for a ride on the elephant. It was like riding on top of the world. Dad nearly fell off when he let go of the rope. During lunch we fed some birds in the park. In the afternoon we saw the animals being fed.

When we returned home we were tired but happy because we had so much fun.

"Goodnight everyone." I said as I went to bed.

**Choose the correct answer to the questions below:**

1. When did the family go to the zoo?
2. How big was the elephant?
3. Why did they go to the shop?
4. What do you think nocturnal means?
5. What is a nocturnal house?
6. Which well-known New Zealand bird is nocturnal?
7. When did they go for a ride on the elephant?
8. Why did dad nearly fall off the elephant?
9. When did they feed the birds?
10. What did they do in the afternoon?
11. How did they feel when they got home?
12. Did the author enjoy the zoo trip? How do you know?
13. What was the last thing the author did before going to bed?