

## Unit 4: At The Zoo

**Story**

I will read a story about animals.

**Listen and read. Can Smartie talk?**

**At the Zoo**

1 Luke and Amy are watching a sea lion show at the zoo.

2 Luke has to cover his ears.

3 The sea lion can balance a ball on its nose!

4 Then Luke and Amy watch a parrot show.

5 The parrot's name is Smartie.

6 When Smartie starts talking, Smartie can't stop!

**Read and match. Make sentences.**

1 Sea lions can't	a stop talking.
2 Sea lions can	b parrot.
3 Smartie is a	c say its name.
4 Smartie can	d sing very well.
5 Smartie can't	e do great tricks.

**THINK BIG**

What other animals are very smart?  
What can they do?  
What different ways are there to learn about animals in a zoo?

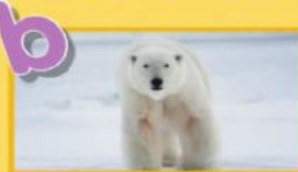
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### Animal Camouflage

Many animals blend in with their surroundings. This is called camouflage. Camouflage helps animals in different ways. Some use it to find food, but others use it because they don't want to become food!

## Animal Camouflage



### 1 Polar Bears Hide in the Snow

Polar bears, for example, are found in the ice and snow. Everything around them is white. They're covered in white fur, but their eyes, noses, and the bottoms of their feet are black. When they hunt for food, they sometimes cover their eyes and nose with their paws.

### 2 Not a Stone, But a Stonefish

Stonefish use camouflage to get food. They look like stones on the bottom of the ocean. If a fish touches a stonefish by mistake, it stings them to death and eats them.

### 3 Tree Frogs Can't Be Seen

Gray tree frogs, however, use camouflage to hide. They're found in the forests of North America. Because they live in trees, they look like a tree branch.

gray tree frog   polar bear   stonefish



### 15 Read and match.

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|--------------------|---|
| 1 A polar bear     | a waits at the bottom of the ocean and kills fish with its sting. |
| 2 A gray tree frog | b can hide because of its color.                                  |
| 3 A stonefish      | c is difficult to see because all its fur is white.               |

**16** Look at **14**. Circle **T** for true or **F** for false.

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|---|---|---|
| 1 The polar bear changes color to blend in. | T | F |
| 2 Polar bears can run fast.                 | T | F |
| 3 The polar bear lives in forests.          | T | F |
| 4 The stonefish eats stones.                | T | F |
| 5 Stonefish look like fish.                 | T | F |
| 6 The stonefish lives in the ocean.         | T | F |
| 7 The gray tree frog eats birds.            | T | F |
| 8 Gray tree frogs live in trees.            | T | F |
| 9 The gray tree frog looks like a snake.    | T | F |

Pets in Different Places



### Pets in Different Places

Many people around the world have pets. Every country has its favorites. In the United States, there are about 93 million pet cats. Cats are very popular in China, too. Birds and goldfish are also popular. Birds such as the colorful parakeet are popular in Mexico. Parakeets like playing with people, and they can talk! In Italy, lots of people have canaries. Canaries can sing all day!

One of Japan's popular pets is the bunny rabbit. There are even bunny cafés where you can have coffee and spend time with these furry animals or buy one!

Some people choose unusual or exotic pets. Chilean Rose Hair Tarantulas are quiet and easy to keep, but they aren't very cuddly. There are millions of reptile pet owners around the world. Reptiles such as iguanas or geckos aren't dangerous, but snakes or alligators can be very dangerous, so pet owners need to be extra careful.

Drag the names of the animals to their corresponding image.



cat

lizard

snake

dog

**18** Read and match.

- 1 Dogs are popular in many countries. You should walk
  - 2 Cats are popular in China. They can catch
  - 3 A canary is a popular pet in Italy. It
  - 4 Snakes can be dangerous pets. They can
  - 5 A lizard can be a good pet because
- a it's exotic and interesting but not dangerous.
  - b can sing beautifully.
  - c give you a painful bite.
  - d your dog every day.
  - e mice and insects.