

A Day at the Zoo

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

- A** Today is a sunny day. Tom and his sister, Lily, go to the zoo. They are very excited. The zoo is big and there are many animals. First, they see the lions. The lions are sleeping under a tree. Tom takes a picture. Next, they visit the monkeys. The monkeys are funny. They jump and play. Lily laughs a lot. After that, they see the elephants. The elephants are huge! They drink water with their trunks. Tom and Lily have a snack. They eat sandwiches and drink juice. It is a fun day at the zoo. Tom and Lily want to come back soon.

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
excited	when someone feels very happy and full of energy	<i>She was excited about her birthday party.</i>
huge	very big in size	<i>The building was huge and tall.</i>
trunks	the long nose of an elephant	<i>Elephants use their trunks to drink water.</i>
snack	a small amount of food eaten between meals	<i>I had an apple as a snack.</i>
picture	an image made by a camera	<i>He took a picture of the sunset.</i>
visit	to go to a place to see it	<i>We plan to visit the museum tomorrow.</i>
laughs	when someone makes sounds because something is funny	<i>The joke was so funny that everyone laughs.</i>
sunny	when the sun is shining and there are no clouds	<i>It was a sunny day at the beach.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. Tom and Lily were very _____ to see the animals.
2. The elephants use their _____ to drink water.
3. After watching the animals, they had a _____.
4. Tom took a _____ of the sleeping lions.
5. They plan to _____ the zoo again soon.
6. The day was bright and _____, perfect for the zoo.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

What is the weather like during Tom and Lily's visit to the zoo?

- A. Rainy
- B. Cloudy
- C. Sunny
- D. Snowy

Question 2

Which animal did Tom and Lily see first at the zoo?

- A. Monkeys
- B. Lions
- C. Elephants
- D. Giraffes

Question 3

What do the elephants do with their trunks?

- A. Eat leaves
- B. Drink water
- C. Spray water
- D. Make sounds

Question 4

What does Lily do when she sees the monkeys?

- A. Takes a picture
- B. Cries
- C. Laughs
- D. Runs away

Question 5

What do Tom and Lily want to do after their visit?

- A. Stay longer
- B. Go to another zoo
- C. Come back soon
- D. See more animals

Discussion & Writing Prompts

Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).

1. In the passage, Tom takes a picture of the lions sleeping under a tree. Why do you think people like to take photos of animals at the zoo?

2. The passage describes Lily laughing a lot at the monkeys' funny behavior. Can you think of a time when you saw an animal do something funny? What happened?

3. Tom and Lily want to come back to the zoo soon. What is your favorite place to visit, and what makes it special for you?

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 C

Q2 B

Q3 B

Q4 C

Q5 C

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 excited

FIB2 trunks

FIB3 snack

FIB4 picture

FIB5 visit

FIB6 sunny

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. What is the weather like during Tom and Lily's visit to the zoo?

✓ C — Sunny The passage starts by mentioning it is a sunny day.

✗ A — Rainy *Rainy is incorrect because the passage describes a sunny day.*

✗ B — Cloudy *Cloudy is incorrect because the sun is shining.*

✗ D — Snowy *Snowy is incorrect as the passage mentions a sunny day.*

2. Which animal did Tom and Lily see first at the zoo?

✓ B — Lions The passage states that they first saw the lions.

✗ A — Monkeys *Monkeys were seen after the lions.*

✗ C — Elephants *Elephants were seen after the monkeys.*

✗ D — Giraffes *Giraffes are not mentioned in the passage.*

3. What do the elephants do with their trunks?

✓ B — Drink water The passage mentions elephants drink water with their trunks.

✗ A — Eat leaves *The passage does not mention eating leaves.*

✗ C — Spray water *Spraying water is not mentioned in the context of the passage.*

✗ D — Make sounds *Making sounds is not mentioned in the context of the passage.*

4. What does Lily do when she sees the monkeys?

✓ C — Laughs The passage states Lily laughs a lot watching the monkeys.

✗ A — Takes a picture *Tom takes a picture, not Lily.*

✗ B — Cries *Lily laughs, she does not cry.*

✗ D — Runs away *Lily laughs, she does not run away.*

5. What do Tom and Lily want to do after their visit?

✓ **C — Come back soon** The passage ends with Tom and Lily wanting to come back soon.

✗ **A — Stay longer** *They do not express a desire to stay longer in the passage.*

✗ **B — Go to another zoo** *They want to return to the same zoo, not another one.*

✗ **D — See more animals** *They have already seen the animals and want to return soon.*

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