

Going to the Zoo

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Today my class is going on a trip. Can you guess where? We are going to the zoo! Everyone is excited. There will be lots of wild animals at the zoo.

My teacher Mrs. Green says it is time to go. The children get into the big, yellow school bus. Everyone is making too much noise. I roar like a lion, and my friend Matt laughs like a hyena. The teacher says we sound like a bus full of monkeys!

When we get to the zoo, we look at a big map. It shows where the different animals live. Where should we go first? I look around and see a zebra. I see lots of them! A zebra has black and white stripes. Mrs. Green says zebras like to stay together. A group of zebras is called a herd. Zebras are herbivores. Herbivores only eat plants.

Mrs. Green asks me, "Olivia, what other animals are black and white?"

"A giant panda is black and white," I say. My friend Emma says that a penguin is black and white. The teacher says we are both right. We go to look at the pandas next. They are cute.

Next we see the lions. A group of lions is called a pride. The male lion has a mane of long fur around his head. The lion cubs play nearby. Mrs. Green says lions are carnivores. A carnivore only eats meat. I roar again, and the little lion cubs stop playing and look at me!

At the end of the day, we all get back on the bus. We saw many different kinds of animals at the zoo. It was a fun trip. I hope we can go back again soon.

Questions

1. Who is telling the story?
2. What do you call a group of lions?
3. What do you call a group of zebras?
4. Name three animals that are black and white.
5. What does an herbivore eat? What does a carnivore eat?