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LOOK OUT FOR...

MEERKATS
LIONS
PENGUINS
LEMURS
TIGERS
PARROTS

ZOO SPOTTER'S GUIDE

HEADING TO THE ZOO THIS SPRING?
SEE HOW MANY OF THESE ANIMALS
YOU CAN SPOT ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

Inside

PUZZLES, ACTIVITIES, JOKES AND FUN FACTS JUST FOR ZOO EXPLORERS!

AMAZING ANIMALS: YOUR SPOTTER'S GUIDE!

Calling all animal lovers and adventurers! Heading off to ZSL London or Whipsnade Zoo this spring? In this issue of *Wild About Explorers*, we meet some of the incredible creatures you can find at both Zoos. Tick them all off in our check boxes (☐) as you explore, watch out for their amazing habits, and try our puzzles and activities!



MARVELLOUS MEERKATS

You'll find our MEERKATS ☐ living together in sociable groups, known as mobs! They will usually have at least one sentry keeping an eye out for predators, while the rest of the group dig for food, play and sunbathe. Can you spot who's on duty when you visit the Zoo?

WANTED



MEERKAT ESCAPE!

HELP! Some of our lively meerkats have run off! How many meerkats can you find hiding in the pages of this *Wild About Explorers* guide (excluding this page)?

WHAT'S MORE AMAZING THAN A TALKING MEERKAT?
A SPELLING BEE!

START YOUR SEARCH!

YOU'LL FIND MORE THAN 20,000 ANIMALS AT OUR ZOOS - INCLUDING ALL OF THE CREATURES LISTED BELOW! SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT THEM IN THE WORD GRID.

K	G	I	R	A	F	F	E	G
S	L	E	M	U	R	P	N	X
N	Z	P	W	H	Z	E	C	Y
A	M	A	L	I	O	N	A	T
K	E	R	X	P	Q	G	M	I
E	E	R	D	P	V	U	E	G
C	R	O	C	O	D	I	L	E
T	K	T	Z	N	T	N	Y	R
Q	A	Z	E	B	R	A	B	H
O	T	T	E	R	Z	C	B	O

Answers: Scrambled Splashers - 1. otter, 2. flamingo, 3. hippo, Meerkat Escape! - 3



- Camel
- Crocodile
- Giraffe
- Hippo
- Lion
- Lemur
- Meerkat
- Otter
- Parrot
- Penguin
- Snake
- Tiger
- Zebra

WHY ARE ZEBRAS SO GOOD AT DANCING?
BECAUSE THEY HAVE TWO LEFT FEET!



Scrambled splashers

SOME NAUGHTY MONKEY HAS MIXED UP THE NAMES OF THESE CREATURES AT THE ZOOS! READ THE CLUES, THEN UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO FIND THE ANIMALS. HINT: THEY ALL LOVE WATER...

1

What's brown and furry and brilliant at swimming? This mammal is just as happy in the water as on land.

TOTER _____

2

This colourful bird loves going for a paddle in lakes and ponds. Look out for it standing on one leg!

AMIFLONG _____

3

A roly-poly African creature that likes nothing better than wallowing in muddy water to keep it cool.

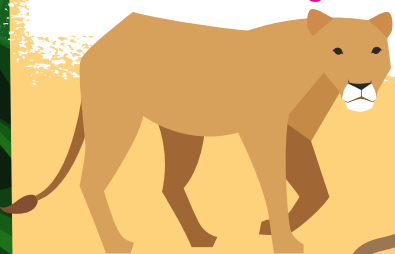
OHPIP _____

LAZY LIONS



DID YOU KNOW?
LIONS ARE MORE ACTIVE AT NIGHT THAN DURING THE DAYTIME, SO THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY ARE THE BEST TIMES TO CATCH THEM ON THE MOVE.

Don't be surprised if you spot our LIONS enjoying a snooze – these big cats can sleep for up to 20 hours a day! Did you know that there are two types of lion in the world, one from Africa and one from Asia? At Whipsnade Zoo, you'll find African lions at Lions of the Serengeti. Over at London Zoo, explore our Land of the Lions to spot Asiatic lions from India!



LOOKING FOR LIONS

Male lions may have cool manes, but it's female lions that do most of the hunting and look after the cubs. Can you help this lioness find her way back to her den?



Answer: Looking for Lions - C

LEAPING LEMURS



Intrepid explorers can walk among our RING-TAILED LEMURS at both Zoos.

Lemurs are distant cousins of monkeys and apes, and live on the African island of Madagascar. These friendly creatures live together in groups of up to 25 animals.

LEARN TO SPEAK LEMUR!

FROM MAKING A NOISE TO PULLING FACES, LEMURS KEEP IN TOUCH IN LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS. CAN YOU SEE OR HEAR THE LEMURS AT THE ZOO USING ANY OF THESE SIGNALS?

- **PURRING:** Lemurs make this sound when they are happy. You might hear it when they're grooming each other's fur!
- **CHIRPS:** This sound tells other lemurs in the group that they are on the move
- **ALARM BARKS:** This call alerts the group to watch out for trouble!
- **WIDE EYES AND OPEN MOUTH:** Lemurs also make this face to warn other lemurs of a threat
- **HOOTING FACE:** Lemurs pull this expression when they want to be heard at a distance, making their lips into a trumpet shape

HOW MANY LEMURS CAN YOU COUNT AT THE ZOO?

LONDON HAS 10 LEMURS, WHIPSNADE HAS EIGHT IN TOTAL

PENGUIN PARTY

Think PENGUINS are only found in the Antarctic? Think again! There are 18 different types of penguin, and some live as far north as Africa. At London Zoo you'll find HUMBOLDT PENGUINS from South America, and at Whipsnade Zoo you can spot BLACK-FOOTED PENGUINS from Africa and ROCKHOPPER PENGUINS from islands in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

PICK A PENGUIN

Can you tell the difference between the penguins at our Zoos? Read the descriptions, then match the names with the pictures.

WHY DIDN'T THE PENGUIN JUMP OFF THE ICE? HE GOT COLD FEET!



1 HUMBOLDT PENGUIN

I have a large, pink patch of skin next to my beak and around my eyes, a narrow, C-shaped band of white on each side of my head, and dark-coloured feet.

2 BLACK-FOOTED PENGUIN

I have a wide, curved band of white on each side of my head, a small featherless patch around my eyes, and dark-coloured feet.

3 ROCKHOPPER PENGUIN

I have a spiky crest of yellow feathers on my head, red eyes and a reddish beak.

LOOK OUT, TIGER ABOUT!

The biggest cats in the world, TIGERS have orange fur and black stripes that help them blend into the background and sneak up on prey. You can head to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo to say hello to our family of tigers from Russia, and spot a Sumatran tiger at ZSL London Zoo. Watch out for them snoozing, patrolling their enclosure, climbing trees, scratching, or maybe even taking a dip in the pond.

DID YOU KNOW?
TIGERS' SHARP TEETH CAN GROW UP TO 10CM IN LENGTH - YIKES!

DIFFERENT STRIPES

Tigers hunt by sight and have excellent night vision. Test your eyesight and see if you can spot the five differences between these two tiger pictures.



Answers: Pick a Penguin: 1C, 2A, 3B. Different Stripes - missing front leg; different-coloured ear and tongue; no stripe at end of tail; missing stripes on front leg

BRILLIANT BUTTERFLIES

You'll find plenty of winged wonders in our butterfly houses! Practise your spotting skills by finding two BUTTERFLIES here that look exactly the same...



Answer: Brilliant Butterflies – the butterfly with a pink body and white wings furthest right has an identical match on the left-hand side

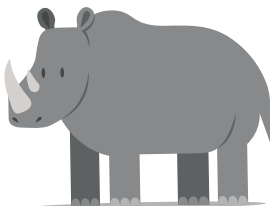


ONLY AT

ZSL | WHIPSNADE ZOO

These animals live at Whipsnade Zoo – tick them off on your next adventure!

- BEAR
- CHEETAH
- ELEPHANT
- LYNX
- RED PANDA
- CHIMPANZEE
- RHINO



ONLY AT

ZSL | LONDON ZOO

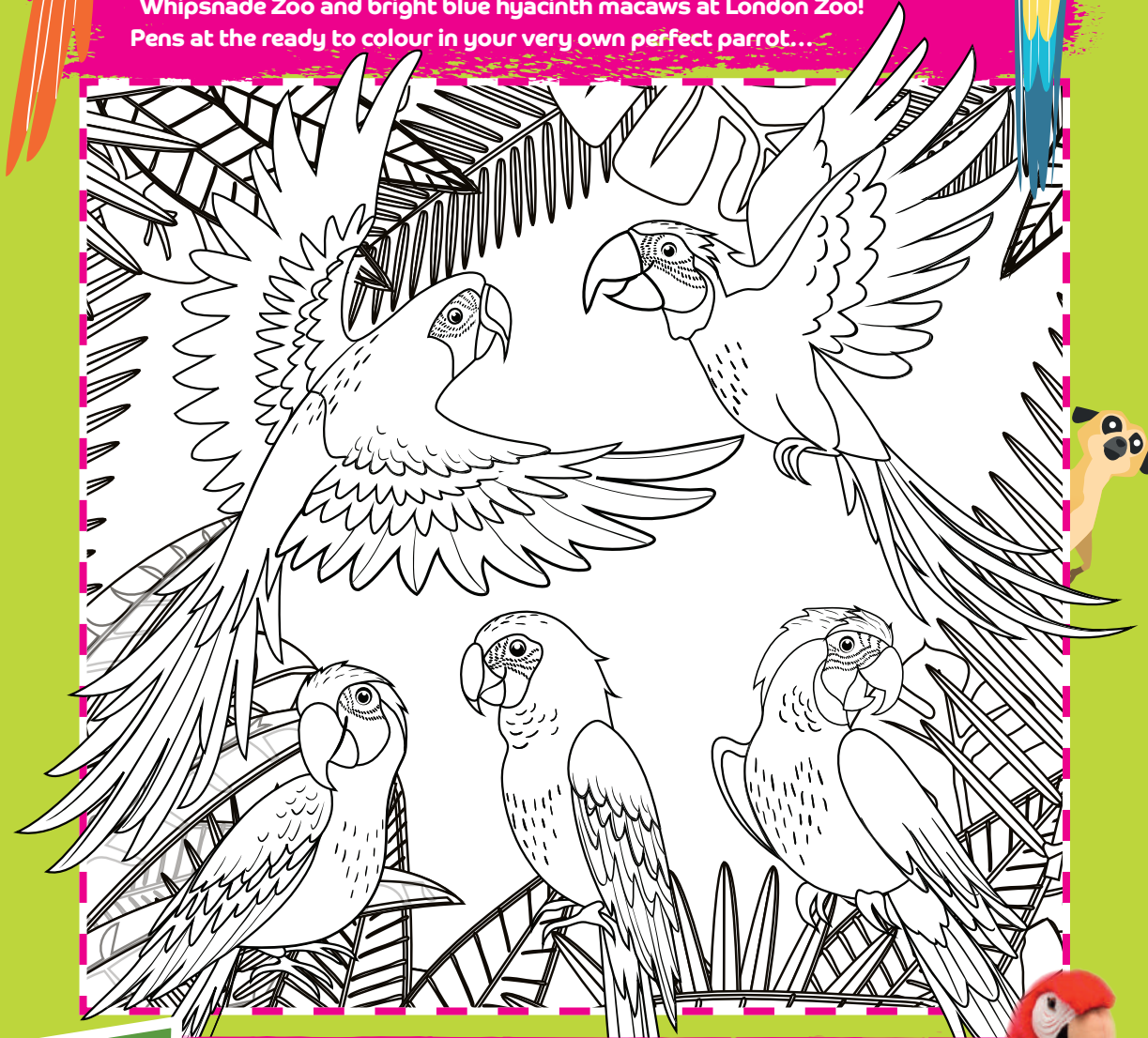
Plan an expedition to London Zoo to see these creatures – how many will you spot?

- COATI
- GIANT TORTOISE
- GIBBON
- GORILLA
- OKAPI
- SLOTH
- SQUIRREL MONKEY



COLOURING CHALLENGE! MACAW MADNESS

MACAWS are members of the parrot family. They have powerful beaks that help them crack open tasty seeds and nuts. They are often very colourful – look out for scarlet macaws at Whipsnade Zoo and bright blue hyacinth macaws at London Zoo! Pens at the ready to colour in your very own perfect parrot...



WIN!

Once you have coloured in your parrot picture, send it to us – the most creative entry will receive this adorable cuddly creature from the ZSL shop. Email your entry to us at wildabout@zsl.org, or post it to Wild About, ZSL London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY with your name, age and postal address. Your image must arrive by 30 June 2020 to be in with a chance of winning. Email the same address for full terms and conditions.