

all about...

The Zoo



What is a Zoo?

A zoo, or zoological garden is a place where many different animals are kept. There are lots of different animal species to see. The oldest zoo in the world is in Austria and was built in 1752.

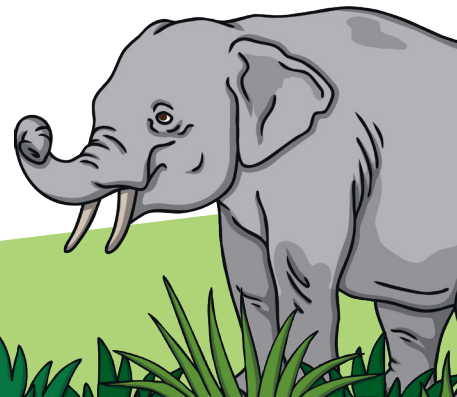
Zoos are there for people's enjoyment. Zoos also have a very important job to do in protecting animals that are very rare. Many endangered animals are kept in zoos as the species might die out if they were in the wild. This helps to stop them becoming extinct.



Inside a Zoo

In the zoo, we can see mammals such as tigers and lions whose normal habitat would have been in Asia or Africa.

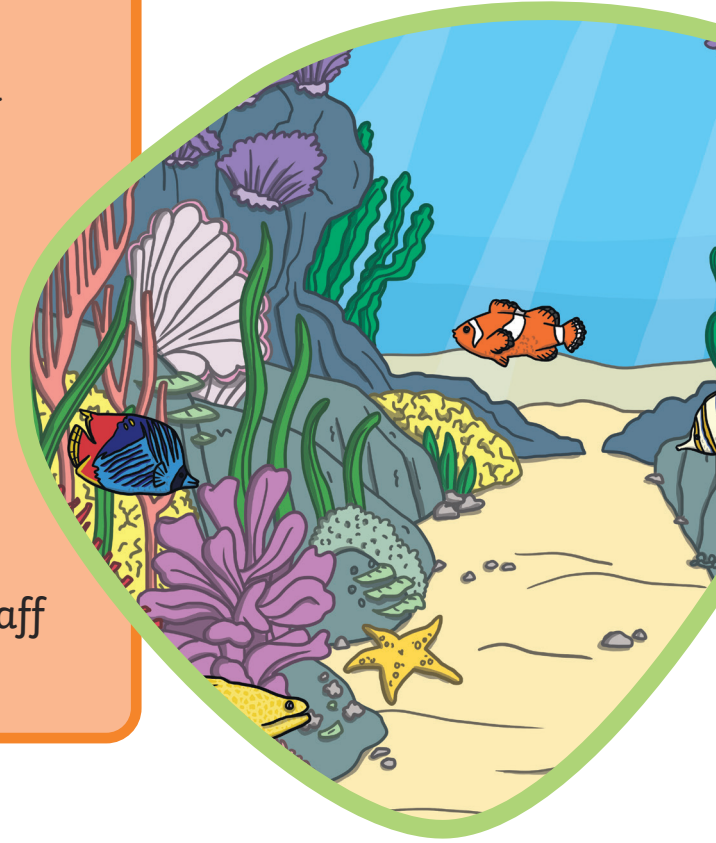
We might see reptiles such as lizards and snakes. They are normally stored in glass units called terrariums which usually have a garden in them. There are often water animals such as turtles, as well as birds, parrots and other flying animals. That is why there is usually a roof or a ceiling on these parts of the zoo. They don't want them flying away!



Running a Zoo

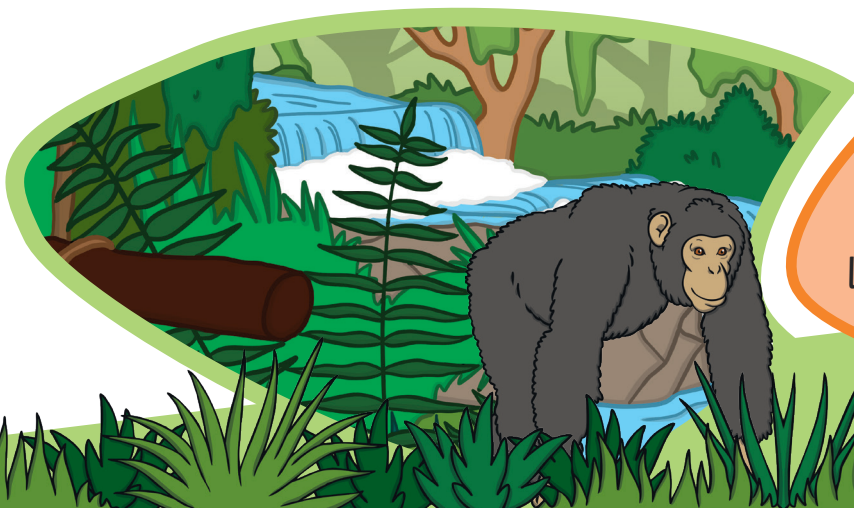
People who work in zoos try to make the surroundings very similar to what the animals' natural habitat or home would look like. This makes the animals feel more at home.

Zoos cost a lot of money to run. It is very expensive to feed all the animal species as they consume a lot of food! Zoos also have a lot of people working there who help to run it. They must be paid too. Zookeepers, vets, nurses, gardeners, tour guides as well as café staff and cleaners all work there.



Types of Zoo

There are also different types of zoos that we can visit. We can go to an aquarium which has many different aquatic animals to see. They are stored in large tanks. We might also visit a petting zoo. It is more common to see farm animals there, such as goats, pigs and rabbits. We are allowed to touch and feed them. If we are lucky, we might get to go on a safari. That involves driving through a park to see the animals from your car window.



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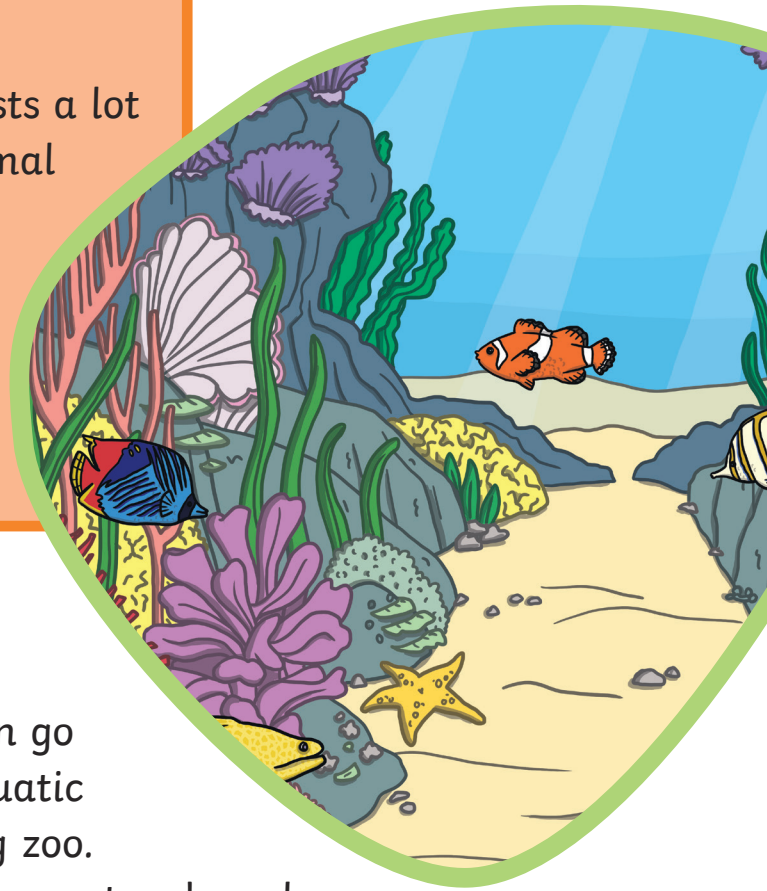
In the zoo, we can see mammals that live on land, such as tigers and lions. We might see reptiles such as lizards and snakes in glass containers that are warm. There are often water animals such as turtles as well as bird and parrots and other flying animals.



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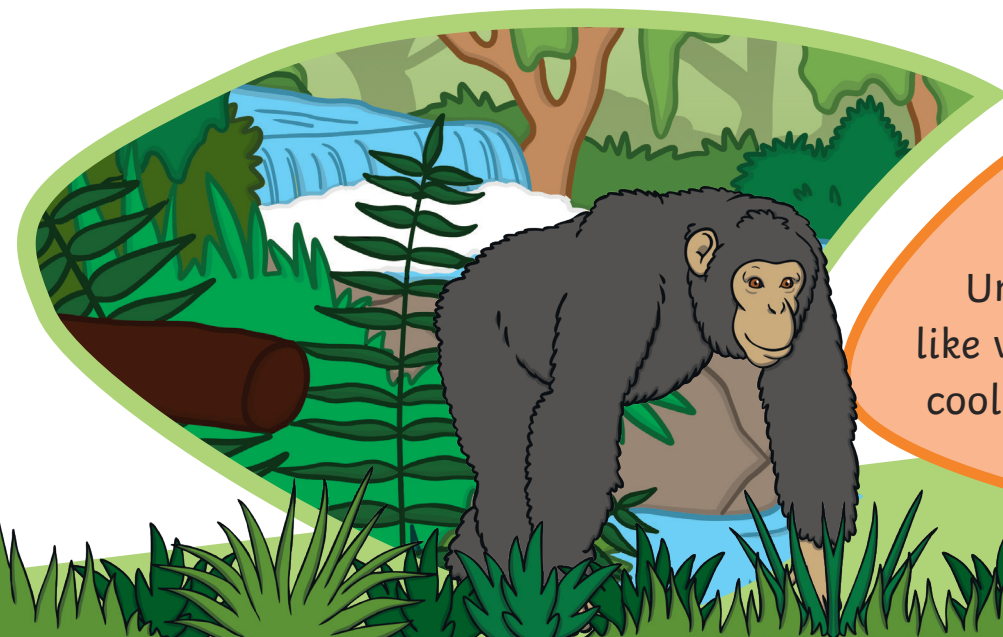
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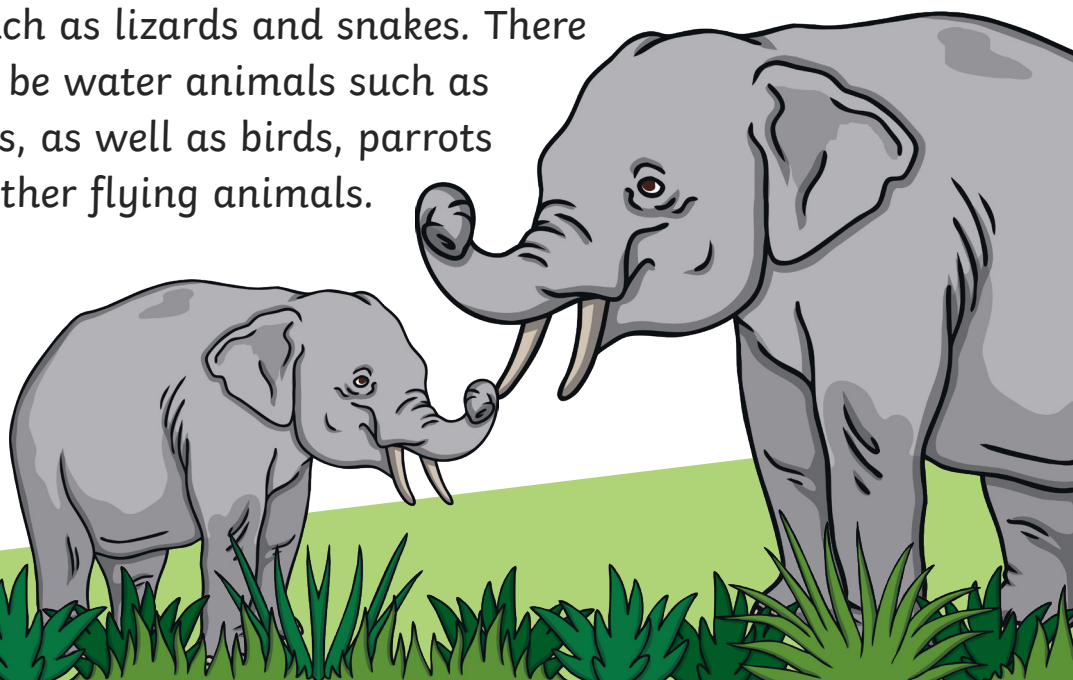
A zoo is a place where lots of different animals are kept. There are many different animals to see there.

Zoos are there for people to go and visit. Children love to see the different animals. Zoos also keep animals that are rare safe. Rare animals are kept in zoos as they might die out if they were in the wild.



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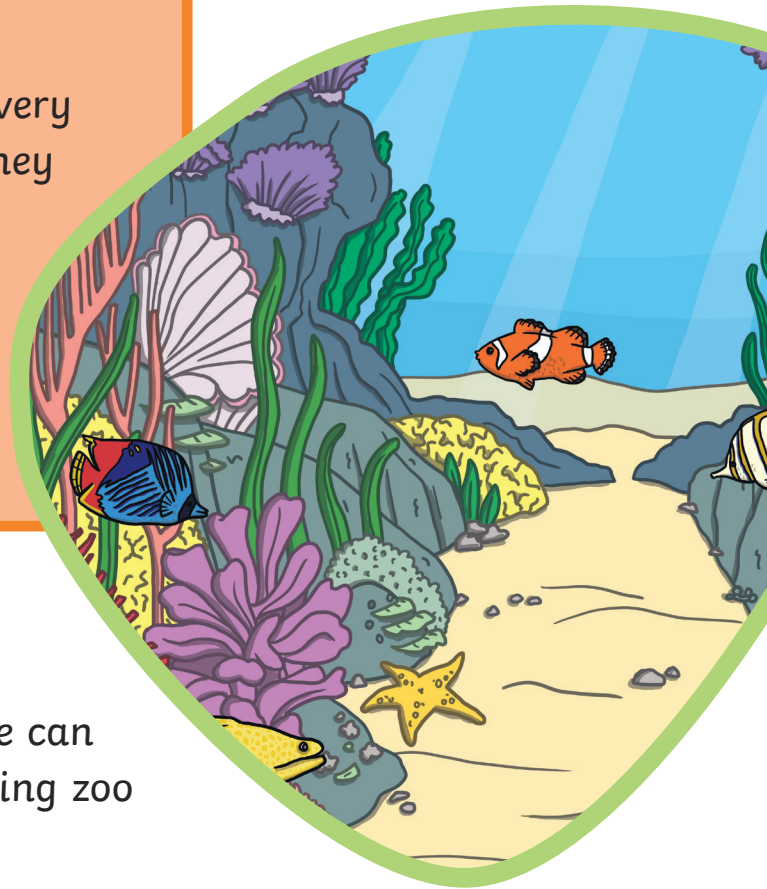
We can see lots of different kinds of animals in the zoo. We can see land zoo animals such as tigers and lions. We might see reptiles such as lizards and snakes. There might be water animals such as turtles, as well as birds, parrots and other flying animals.



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2. What might happen to rare animals in the wild? Tick one.

- They might eat too much food and become sick.
- They might become endangered or extinct.
- They might migrate to different countries.

3. Find a word in the text that has a similar meaning to the word 'costly':

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- quietness
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- A garda.
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- A teacher.

4. Zoos help...?

- Keep rare animals safe.
- Animals to grow taller.
- Animals to sleep.

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