



GET
ADVENTUROUS



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION
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VIRTUAL ZOO TRIP



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Let's take a virtual daytrip to the Zoo. Visit the animals in their enclosures, tick off the animals as you see them and learn some interesting facts along the way.

San Diego Zoo offers you a virtual visit, by using webcams in the animal's enclosures. Visit <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams> and share this page using screenshare.

Ask the group which animal they would like to visit first. As you visit each animal, see who can spot the animal first, how many can they see and ask if anyone can do a good impression of the animal.

You can also share some facts about each one, using the facts sheet. Other activities you can do include:

I Spy: Send each child a copy of the I Spy sheet so they can tick off the animals as they see them. These could be given out before, printed at home or just shared at the beginning on screenshare so children know what to look out for.

Bus Games / Songs: Start your virtual daytrip with a game / song to play 'on the bus'. Could you sing the wheels on the bus or try to name animals for each letter of the alphabet?



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- San Diego Zoo Website
- 'Zoo - I Spy' Activity Sheet
- Animal Facts Sheet



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

When sharing your screen, please double check to make sure any private or sensitive information is not showing for others to see.

VIRTUAL ZOO TRIP - I SPY

Tick off the animals on your sheet as you spot them around the zoo.

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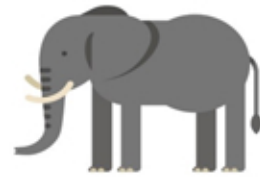
Hippo

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Tiger

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Platypus

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Elephant

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Ape

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Panda

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Penguin

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Koala

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Polar Bear

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Giraffe

VIRTUAL ZOO TRIP - FACTS

As you take a tour of the zoo, share the below facts as you see each animal.

Hippo  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Hippo weighs up to 3,200kg, that's the same as about 3 small cars! Hippos can hold their breath for around 5 minutes. Hippos usually live for around 40 years. To warn off others, males will open their mouths wide and show off their large curved teeth. 	Tiger  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No two tigers have the same stripes. They are all unique! Tigers are heavy. They can weight up to the same weight as 10 x ten year old children. A tiger's roar can be heard over 1.5 miles away. They can reach a top speed of over 40 MPH.
Platypus  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their flattened head and body helps them to glide through the water. Males have sharp stingers on the heels of their rear feet and can deliver a venomous blow. Most of their time is spent alone, eating or sleeping. 	Elephant  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elephants can grow to up to 3m. They can spend 12-18 hours a day eating grass, plants & fruit. That's a lot of time! A lot of eating equals a lot of poo! Elephants create about one tonne of poo a week. Elephants can live to around 60-70 years old.
Ape  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apes are the animals most like humans. Our DNA is 98.5% the same! Apes are one of the most intelligent animals on Earth. They can use tools to catch food and can communicate with each other, even using facial expressions. 	Panda  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pandas love to eat bamboo. They spend roughly 12 hours a day eating it! Baby pandas are born pink and measure about 15cm – that's about the size of a pencil! They are also born blind and only open their eyes six to eight weeks after birth.
Penguin  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penguins live in cold places where temperatures can drop to -60c. Brrrr! Penguins huddle together to keep warm and have layers of fat and feathers to help insolate themselves. They can stay underwater for over 20 minutes. 	Koala  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koalas are usually found in Australia. A baby Koala (Joey) is born blind and earless. It will spend up to 6 months in its Mum's pouch before spending the next 6 months on her back being carried around. They can sleep for up to 18 hours a day.
Polar Bear  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polar Bears are over 2.5m long. Their height and weight makes them the largest living meat eaters on the planer. They can smell their pray (food) up to 10 miles away. That's one impressive nose! Polar bears have black skin under their white coats. 	Giraffe  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giraffes can grow to over 5.5m tall. That's nearly the size of a house. Giraffes usually roam around in groups of around 15. A group of giraffes is called a 'tower' Giraffes give birth standing up. That means a baby giraffe falls around 1.5m to the ground when born