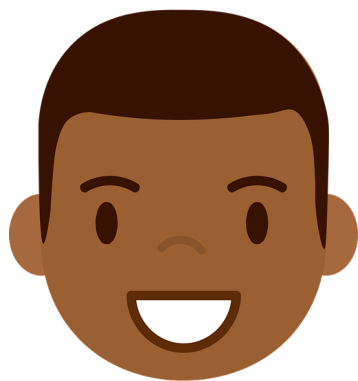


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Alexandria Zoo  
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This social story is made to help me understand what to prepare for and expect during my trip to Alexandria Zoo. While I'm visiting, it's important to remember to listen and follow all directions from the adult I am with and the Alexandria Zoo staff to ensure the animals and I are safe while having fun.





Today I am going to the Alexandria Zoo. When we arrive at the Zoo, I may need to wait in line. The line may be short, long, quiet, or noisy.





I may be able to see all of the animals. Some animals may choose to be where I can't see them.



Zoo employees wear t-shirts with the zoo logo on it. I can ask them questions about the zoo or the animals. I will wait my turn to ask my question.

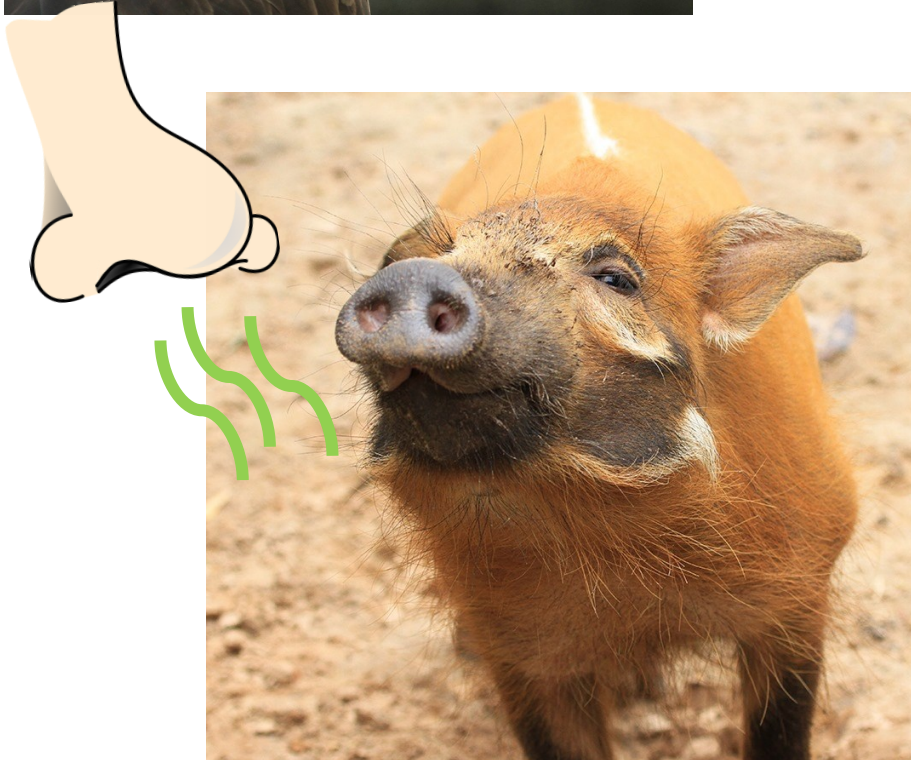
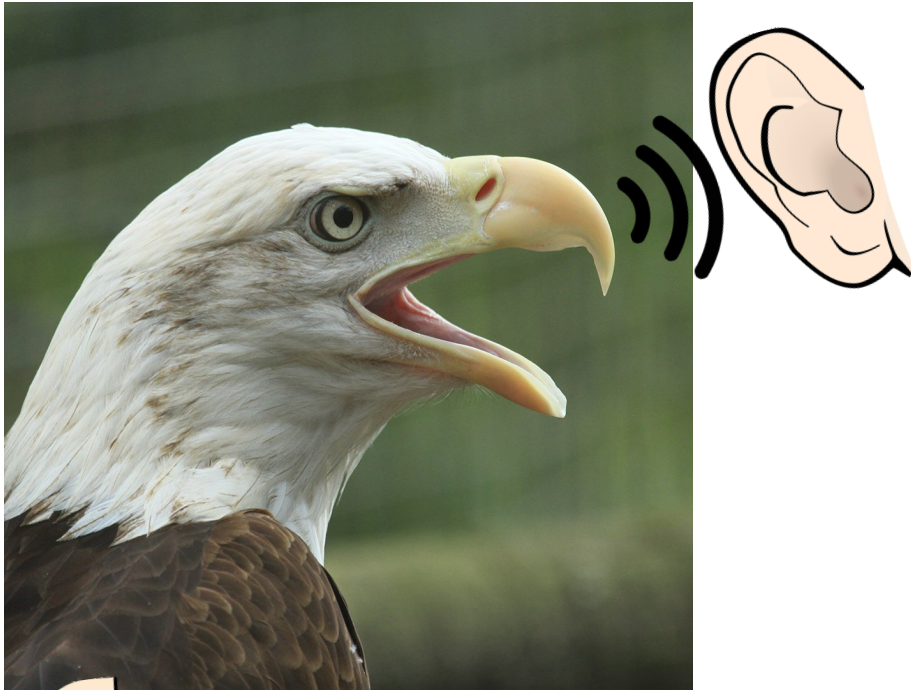




I can also look for Zoo volunteers; they wear blue t-shirts with the zoo logo on it. I can ask them questions about the zoo or ask for help. I will wait my turn to ask my question.



Zoo Staff have special rules for visiting each animal so that they stay happy and healthy. I will remember not to drop or throw anything into the exhibits, because doing so can hurt the animals.



I will explore animals in ways I might not have before. I'll hear animal calls and smell the animals. These are all ways that animals communicate, or talk, with each other.





I might see peacocks wandering the zoo. The entire zoo is there home. I will not feed or chase them. They like to be left alone.



During my visit, I can go to the Aussie Aviary. In the aviary the birds can move fast around me and talk loud. I can also pay an extra fee to feed the birds. They might land on my hand or my head!



I can choose to pay an extra fee to ride the Zoo train. There may be many other people on the train. During the ride there will be lots of different sounds. Riding the train is a fun and special way to see the zoo.



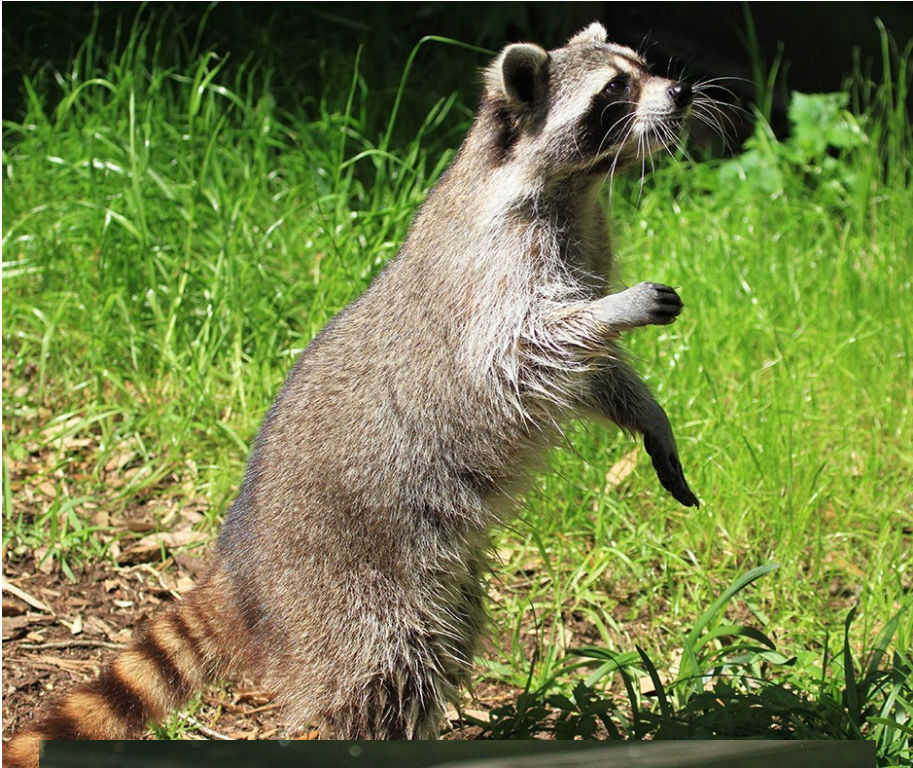
If I'm hungry, I can go to the Palm Café to buy food. There will be many different smells and sounds at the café. I can sit at a picnic table to enjoy my food.



At the end of my visit, I can go to the gift shop, the Zootique. It may be busy and loud with other excited guests inside. I'll need to wait my turn in line if I do decide to buy a gift.



When the trip to the Zoo is over, I will leave with my group. It might be crowded when I am leaving with my family/group, so I will be prepared to wait and walk with my family/group.



I can't wait to come  
back to the Zoo and  
visit my animal friends  
again!