

(1) My class went to the zoo last week. We left from school on Monday after snack.

I wanted to go to the zoo. The bus ride was long. I sat with my friend Joe. His mom came on the trip with us. She said we could open some windows.

(2) The bus driver got lost, but we finally found the zoo! My teacher made us wait five minutes before we could get up. Mr. Stone walked around the bus, and counted us before we got off.

Right away, I could hear the birds. I wanted to see the birds, monkeys, and elephants first. We had to break into our groups after we got off the

bus. (3) There were six groups and each had a mom or dad with them.

I found that everyone in my group wanted to start with the birds also. It was a very long walk to get to the bird house, but we were excited!

It was really warm inside, and there were so many types of birds. Some had long, feathered tails. A few had small beaks; and a lot of tiny birds were eating together. We were there for about ten minutes, and then we remembered we had the rest of the zoo to see! (4) The next place we visited was the monkey exhibit in the middle of the zoo.

The monkeys were all over the place in their cages! I saw a huge, silver monkey hanging from the ceiling. One was picking its fur, and one was even throwing a ball across its cage. We stayed there for a long time, and then decided to move on to the elephants and safari animals. (5) The safari habitat had so many kinds of animals, including tigers, deer, and a rhinoceros. In the water area there were about a dozen huge elephants playing and spraying water all over each other.

There was a small, lonely baby elephant, off in the shadow of a large boulder, just lying there. I went to search for the zoo keeper and finally found him. He said the elephant was probably just tired; but I argued and said if he didn't check on it, I was going to find someone who would. He decided to check on the baby elephant, and as it turned out, he had a bad stomach ache. The owner of the entire zoo thanked me in person for helping get the baby elephant the medical attention it needed. I even received a free pass to come back to the zoo!