

# Our trip to the zoo



meerkats



monkeys

Last year (2011) our bili class (6d - 6f) went to the zoo in Cologne. We went to the zoo by train.

With our teacher - Ms. Stamm - and our Foreign Language Assistant (Fremdsprachen Assistent) - Mr. Williams - we made a rally about the animals in the zoo. Here are some examples of the questions from the rally:

1. I look like a horse but have stripes. I am the \_ \_ \_ \_ , and I eat (plants/animals/both).
2. What am I called in English?  
Erdmännchen: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
Gepard: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
Paviane: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. I live in the river. I eat plants and my name means "river horse"  
I am the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Then we had to write a story (a buddy book) about our favourite animals.

Before we went to the zoo we read the story about "Zomo the rabbit". The story is about Zomo the rabbit, who is a trickster from West Africa, and wants cleverness. But he must do three impossible tasks before Sky God will give him what he wants. We had to find out if he is clever enough to do as Sky God asks.

Here is an example of a story by Lina:

A long, long time ago there was a blue rabbit. He hasn't got any friends and he hasn't got a name. But his mum went away. Dad said to him every time: "You're my angel." Now his name was 'Blue Angel'.

One week ago Blue Angel went to the park. There was a gang of 'The scary Rabbits'. Everybody was afraid of the gang because a long time ago it was very scary but that is a different story. The Blue Angel and the other rabbits were afraid. The Blue Angel said: "We must work together." Then the other rabbits worked together. Blue Angel was happy that the others helped him. He hit all from the other gang and the other rabbits did the rest!

Everybody was happy and said to Blue Angel: "You're my hero, do you want to play with us?" "Yes thank you!" said Blue Angel. The gang of 'The Scary Rabbits' was afraid and he has never seen it again.

Later we presented the stories we wrote in the zoo to our class. In school we hung the stories in the class room. 😊

The trip was very nice and interesting. Firstly, we learned very much about the zoo animals from the rally. Secondly, we also learned that a story needs a beginning, a middle and an end. Our stories were very creative! :D

It's really nice to remember the trip.

Answers of the test:

1. I'm the zebra and eat plants
2. Erdmännchen: meerkat  
Gepard: cheetah  
Paviane: baboons
3. I'm the hippopotamus.

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# ELEPHANT

<b>SPECIES:</b>	<b>ASIAN ELEPHANT</b>
<b>SIZE :</b>	<b>2 – 3.3 M</b>
<b>WEIGHT :</b>	<b>4 – 5.5 T</b>
<b>AGE :</b>	<b>40 – 55 YEARS</b>
<b>GESTATION</b>	
<b>TIME :</b>	<b>22 MONTHS</b>
<b>HABITAT :</b>	<b>SAVANNAH</b>
<b>CIRCULATION :</b>	<b>SOUTH – EAST ASIA</b>
<b>FOOD :</b>	<b>GRASSES, BARK, ROOT</b>
<b>POPULATION -</b>	
<b>IN ZOO :</b>	<b>ABOUT 200</b>
<b>IN ASIA:</b>	<b>ABOUT 40 000</b>



Source: <http://bilder.bild.de/fotos-skaliert/neuer-elefantenpark-im-koelner-zoo-20704060/4,h=343.bild.jpg>

# Lion



Genre: predator

Age: 20 years

Weight: 160-190 kg (male)

110-120 kg (female)

Gestation time: 3.5 months

Food: mammals, birds and reptiles

Habitat: open landscape

Circulation: Gir-Forest, India

Population zoo: ca. 60 rising

Population free: ca. 200

Source: <http://tierdoku.com/images/thumb/250px-Afrikanischerloewe-6119.jpg>