

A Field Trip to Remember



Aubrey boarded the school bus with her classmates as they headed to their first field trip of the semester. Their sixth-grade class was heading to the Birmingham Zoo. Aubrey hadn't been to the zoo in several years, and she was

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Mr. Franklin didn't take them to the lions first, though. Instead, they started with smaller animals like meerkats and flamingos. The meerkats raced through their small holes, poking up their heads here and there. Their habitat was enclosed by glass, so Aubrey and the others could watch their silly antics from a safe distance.

At the flamingo exhibit, Mr. Franklin explained how the birds got their color from eating red shrimp. The group moved on to other animals and at last came to

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the lions. Aubrey could hardly believe their size and their fluffy manes. After the lions, the students came to another exhibit.

"Are those camels?" Aubrey asked.

Zach nodded. "I think so."

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"Yes, sir!" she said. She raced to him, and a zookeeper helped her into the saddle that had been placed on the camel's back. Then the zookeeper led the camel round a small ring. Aubrey's body shifted from side to side in rhythm with the camel's steps. She felt as tall as a tree sitting so high up.

Soon her turn had ended, and Aubrey climbed down to make way for the next student. When they had finished with the camels, they moved on to see elephants,

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reptiles, and seals. They ate lunch at the zoo cafeteria.

On the way home, Aubrey smiled happily. It had been an amazing trip back to the zoo! In fact, she'd call it a field trip to remember.

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- 1) In which order did the students see the animals at the zoo? Choose the correct option.
- a) camels, elephants, reptiles, seals, meerkats and flamingos, other animals, lions
 - b) meerkats, flamingos, other animals, lions, camels, elephants, reptiles, seals

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- 3) Mr. Franklin said, "I've arranged a special treat for you all." What was the special treat?

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5) Match each animal to the correct detail.

meerkat • • got its color from eating red shrimp

flamingo • • was huge with a fluffy mane

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