

A Day at the Zoo

A2 Level • Kids (6–10) • Reading & Fun • 30 Minutes

What You Will Learn

- ✓ Learn animal and zoo vocabulary
- ✓ Understand irregular past verbs in a real story
- ✓ Talk about a trip or visit using past tense
- ✓ Play a memory card game to match verb forms
- ✓ Write about a day out you enjoyed

Part 1: Zoo Animals & Action Words

Zoo Animals: lion, elephant, giraffe, monkey, penguin, crocodile, parrot, bear

Base Form	Past Form	At the Zoo...
go	went	We went to the zoo.
see	saw	I saw a huge elephant!
eat	ate	The monkeys ate bananas.
run	ran	The lion ran across the field.
buy	bought	Dad bought tickets.
take	took	She took lots of photos.
drink	drank	We drank juice at the cafe.
give	gave	The zookeeper gave us a map.
say	said	My brother said, "Look!"
come	came	We came home tired and happy.

Part 2: Reading — Our Amazing Zoo Day

Last Saturday, our class went on a school trip to the city zoo. We were all very excited! Our teacher, Mr Wilson, bought the tickets and the zookeeper at the gate gave us a big map of the zoo.

First, we saw the lions. There were three lions — a big father lion and two baby lions. The baby lions ran around and played with each other. My friend Jack said, "The father lion is bigger than my dog!" Everyone laughed.

Next, we walked to the elephant area. The elephants were amazing! The biggest elephant ate leaves from a tall tree. We took so many photos. I took a great photo of a baby elephant drinking water with its trunk. It was so cute!

After that, we visited the monkey house. The monkeys were very funny — they ran and jumped everywhere! One monkey took a banana from another monkey and ate it very fast. We all laughed so much.

At lunchtime, we sat in the zoo cafe. I ate a cheese sandwich and drank apple juice. My friend Mia bought a toy penguin from the gift shop because penguins are her favourite animals.

In the afternoon, we saw the penguins swimming in their pool. They were faster in the water than on land! We also visited the parrots. One parrot said "Hello!" to our teacher and Mr Wilson said "Hello!" back. It was so funny!

We came back to school at four o'clock. Everyone was tired but very happy. I said to my mum, "It was the best day ever!" That night, I wrote about the zoo trip in my diary because I didn't want to forget anything.

Comprehension: 1) Where did the class go? The city zoo. 2) How many lions? Three. 3) What did the biggest elephant eat? Leaves. 4) Why did they laugh at the monkeys? A monkey took a banana from another. 5) What did Mia buy? A toy penguin. 6) What did the parrot say? Hello! 7) What time did they come back? Four o'clock.

Part 3: Irregular Verbs — The Rebels!

Regular verbs add -ed (played, watched). Irregular verbs change in their own way: go→went, see→saw, eat→ate. You need to remember them!

Question: Did you see the lions? (NOT: Did you saw)
 Negative: I didn't see the bears. (NOT: I didn't saw)
 After did/didn't → always use the BASE form!

Part 4: After the Zoo Trip

M Hi Sam! How was the zoo?

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S It was amazing, Mum! We saw so many animals!

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M What was your favourite animal?

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S The monkeys! They ran and jumped everywhere. One monkey took a banana from another monkey!

M Ha! Did you see the elephants?
:

S Yes! I took a great photo of a baby elephant. And a parrot said Hello to Mr Wilson!
:

M That's wonderful! Did you eat lunch there?
:

S Yes, I ate a sandwich and drank juice. And Mia bought a toy penguin!
:

M Sounds like a perfect day! Did you buy anything?
:

S No, I didn't buy anything. But I took lots of photos!
:

Part 5: Game — Verb Memory Cards

Match each base verb to its past form:

Base	Past
go	went
see	saw
eat	ate
run	ran
buy	bought
take	took
give	gave
say	said

Part 6: Quiz

Q1. We ____ to the zoo last Saturday.

a) goed b) go c) went d) goned

Q2. I ____ three lions at the zoo.

a) seed b) sawed c) see d) saw

Q3. The monkeys ____ bananas.

a) eated b) ate c) ated d) eating

Q4. Did you _____ any photos?

a) took b) take c) taked d) taking

Q5. She didn't _____ anything at the gift shop.

a) bought b) buyed c) buy d) buying

Q6. The parrot _____ 'Hello!' to us.

a) sayed b) say c) saying d) said

Part 7: Complete the Zoo Story

Word Box: went, saw, ate, ran, bought, took, gave, said

1. Last Saturday, we _____ to the zoo with our class.
2. At the gate, the zookeeper _____ us a big map.
3. We _____ three lions in the first area.
4. The baby lions _____ around and played together.
5. I _____ a photo of a baby elephant.
6. A funny monkey _____ a banana very fast.
7. My friend _____ a toy penguin from the gift shop.
8. The parrot _____ 'Hello!' to our teacher.

Part 8: Your Zoo Story!

Talk About It

Did you ever go to a zoo? When?

What animals did you see?

Did you buy anything at the gift shop?

What did you eat and drink?

Tell your partner about a trip you enjoyed.

Write About a Day Out

Write 4-5 sentences about a trip or day out. Use past tense verbs!

Example: Last month, I went to the aquarium with my family. We saw dolphins, sharks and jellyfish. I took a lot of photos because the fish were so colourful. We ate fish and chips for lunch. I bought a toy dolphin and I said to my mum, "I want to come back next week!"

Review Checklist

- I can name 8 zoo animals in English.
- I know 10 irregular past verbs.
- I understand a long story about a zoo trip.
- I can ask and answer questions about a day out.
- I can write 4-5 sentences about a trip.

Well done! You can now tell a zoo story using irregular past verbs!

Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. c) went
2. d) saw
3. b) ate
4. b) take
5. c) buy
6. d) said

Fill in the Blanks Answers:

1. went
2. gave
3. saw
4. ran
5. took
6. ate
7. bought
8. said