

Winnie-the-Pooh at London Zoo

Did you know that Winnie-the-Pooh was **originally** an American bear living in London Zoo during the First World War?

Lieutenant Harry Colebourn was a **Veterinary** Officer in the Canadian Army. In August 1914, he was travelling by train from his hometown Winnipeg to **join** the army in Quebec. At White River Bend, in Ontario, he had to change trains. There he saw a man who had an American black bear **cub** tied to the **bench** that he was sitting on.

Harry liked animals, so he went to talk to the man. When he learned that the man had shot and killed the cub's mother, Harry bought the young bear for \$20 and took it with him to Quebec. He named her Winnipeg after his hometown. Winnipeg soon became the mascot of Harry's Army Brigade.

Soon Harry's Brigade had to leave for France to take part in the War. It was too dangerous to keep the bear and take her into **battle**. On their way to France Harry's Brigade **passed through** London, where Harry visited London Zoo and asked them to take care of the cub until his **return**.

Harry didn't return until 1918, when the war was over. By that time the bear was **fully-grown** and happy in her new home and all the **keepers** and **visitors** called her Winnie. One of the visitors was Alan Milne, who took his son Christopher Robin to the Zoo. Christopher Robin was very fond of the bear and was sometimes let into her **cage** to **feed** her with milk.

Later Christopher Robin named his own **teddy bear** "Winnie-the-Pooh" and it became the main character in A.A. Milne's children's stories.



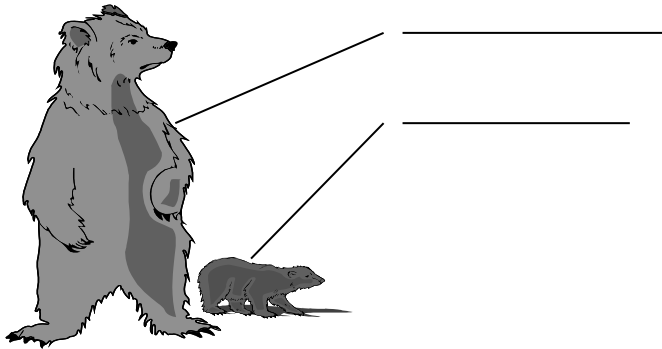
Game

Teamwork. Write down as many names of animals as you can in 3 minutes. The group that has the longest list of animals that the other groups don't have is the winner.

Storyline

Lieutenant Harry Colebourn came from a town called _____.
At White River Bend he bought _____ for \$20
and called her _____. When Harry went to France, he couldn't
keep the bear because _____.
So, he went to London Zoo and _____.
Alan Milne lived in London, and he had a son called _____.
When they went to the Zoo _____.
Later A.A. Milne wrote children's stories of a bear called _____
after _____.

Words



At Zoo the animals are in a _____.
The people who take care of them are called _____.
Twice a day they _____ the animals so they don't get hungry.
The people who want to see the animals are called _____.
If they get tired of walking, they can sit on a _____.
If they want to see the animals again, they can _____ to the Zoo
as many times as they wish.
Many children have cuddly _____ that look just like the real
ones.

Chatting

What do you think of zoos?

Do you agree with these sentences? Ask your friend, too.

	My answer		Friend's answer	
	agree	disagree	agree	disagree
I like going to a zoo.				
I like watching animals at a zoo.				
I like feeding animals at a zoo.				
I hate to see animals in cages.				
I hate it when people feed animals at a zoo.				
I like watching animals in the nature.				
I like feeding birds in the nature.				

If you could build your own zoo, what would it be like? Write a little story.

My Own Zoo

Reading Comprehension

LONDON ZOO

Regents Park, London NW1.

The zoo was first opened in 1828. It now has about 8,500 animals, birds, reptiles, and fish.

Attractions include the Moonlight World, where animals of the night are out and about when visitors arrive.

The Aviary is a magnificent structure above the Canal, where birds fly free.

The London Waterbus Company has its own landing stage at the Zoo

Open daily 10.00-16.00, with last admission at 15.00.

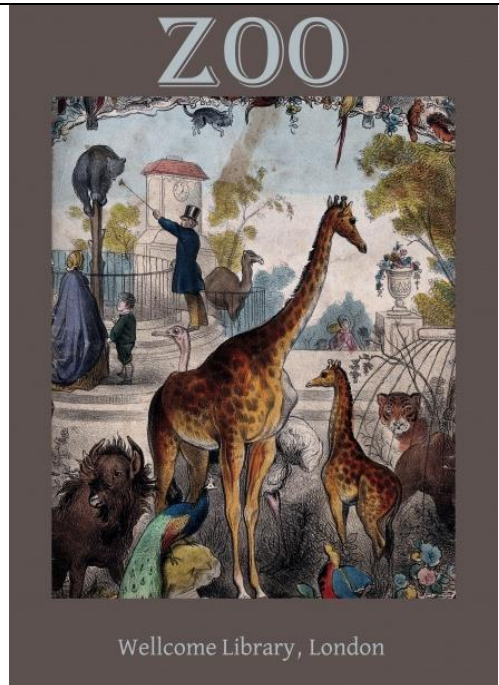
How to Get There:



Camden. Bus: 274, C2.

Pay & Display car park nearby.

Coach Park at Gloucester Gate.



Read the poster and answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the park, where the zoo is? _____
2. How old is London Zoo? _____
3. What kind of animals can you see at the Moonlight World?

4. What kind of animals are in the Aviary? _____
5. How many hours per day is the zoo open? _____
6. Can you get there by underground? _____

Extra

How many animals can you find?

Animals

E R H I N O C E R O S W A N Z
R E I N D E E R H O R S E O V
P U P P Y K I T T E N P I G J
R O P A L A D Y B U G I E P F
L B O R C N H T T G R D Y P B
V A P R E G I R A F F E K M F
A T O O L A X F I S H R A T A
B U T T E R F L Y P Z C S P F
W R A Y P O R A B B I T N Y R
X K M H H O L M W W F B V J Z
L E U C A T T I G E R O D Z W
J Y S E N K R N L I O N E V C
S T U R T L E G D O G F B R Z
C O W N U L E O P A R D U C K
V M M I I B E N W B N D P O N

Key

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At White River Bend he bought a bear for \$20 and called her Winnipeg.

When Harry went to France, he couldn't keep the bear because too dangerous to take her into battle.

So, he went to London Zoo and asked them to take care of the cub.

Alan Milne lived in London, and he had a son called Christopher Robin.

When they went to the Zoo Robin was very fond of the bear.

Later A.A. Milne wrote children's stories of a bear called Winnie-the-Pooh after Christopher Robin's teddy bear.

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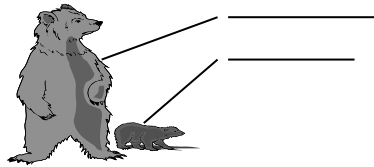


Image: Mama Bear and a cub

At Zoo the animals are in a cage.

The people who take care of them are called keepers.

Twice a day they feed the animals, so they don't get hungry.

The people who want to see the animals are called visitors.

If they get tired of walking, they can sit on a bench.

If they want to see the animals again, they can return to the Zoo as many times as they wish.

Many children have cuddly teddy bears that look just like the real ones.

Reading Comprehension

1. Regents Park
2. 93 yrs (2021)
3. Nocturnals (night animals)
4. Birds
5. 6 hrs
6. Yes

Extra

bat	giraffe	puppy
butterfly	hippopotamus	rabbit
cat	horse	rat
cow	kangaroo	reindeer
dog	kitten	rhinoceros
duck	ladybug	spider
elephant	leopard	swan
fish	lion	tiger
flamingo	parrot	turkey
frog	pig	turtle