## An Animal Themed Listening Story

Poppy, George and Joshua went on a trip to the zoo. They were very excited for they day out. Poppy was very excited to see the penguins. George wanted to see the monkeys and Joshua wanted to see the lions and giraffes.

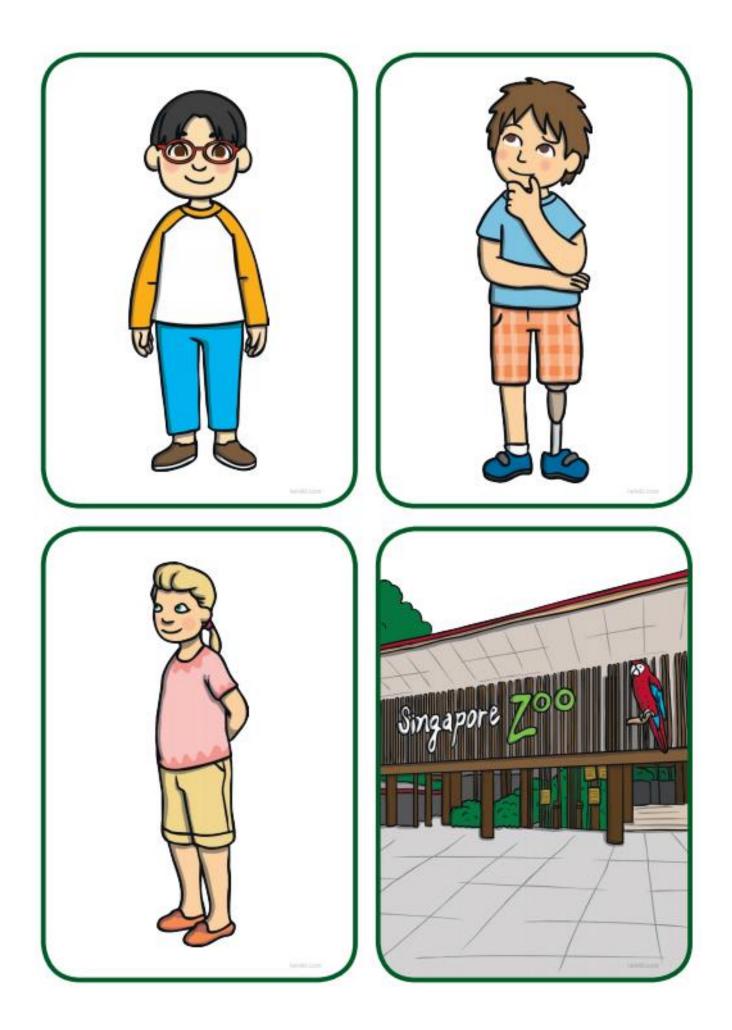
When they arrived at the zoo, they first went to see the lions. The lions were sleeping in the sun. Mum said, 'Shh...let's leave the lions to sleep.' The family quietly walked away.

Next they wanted to see the monkeys. The monkeys were climbing and swinging in the trees. George laughed as the monkeys swung from branch to branch.

Joshua wanted to see the giraffes next. The tall giraffes were eating leaves form the trees. Their long necks were able to reach the highest branches and the giraffes kept eating as the family walked by.

Poppy heard the announcement for the penguins feeding and raced to get there. Poppy ran onwards towards the penguins, just in time to see them catching the fish. The penguins jumped and dived into the water.

The family walked around the zoo trying to see all the animals. They saw lions, bears, giraffes, elephants, penguins, tigers and monkeys. On the way home, Poppy, George and Joshua fell asleep, tired out from their day at the zoo.



## Instructions

Hand out the cards to the children in the group.

When they hear the word on their card, they have to stand up or wave the picture card.

This can be used as an initial activity to focus on listening and attention.

