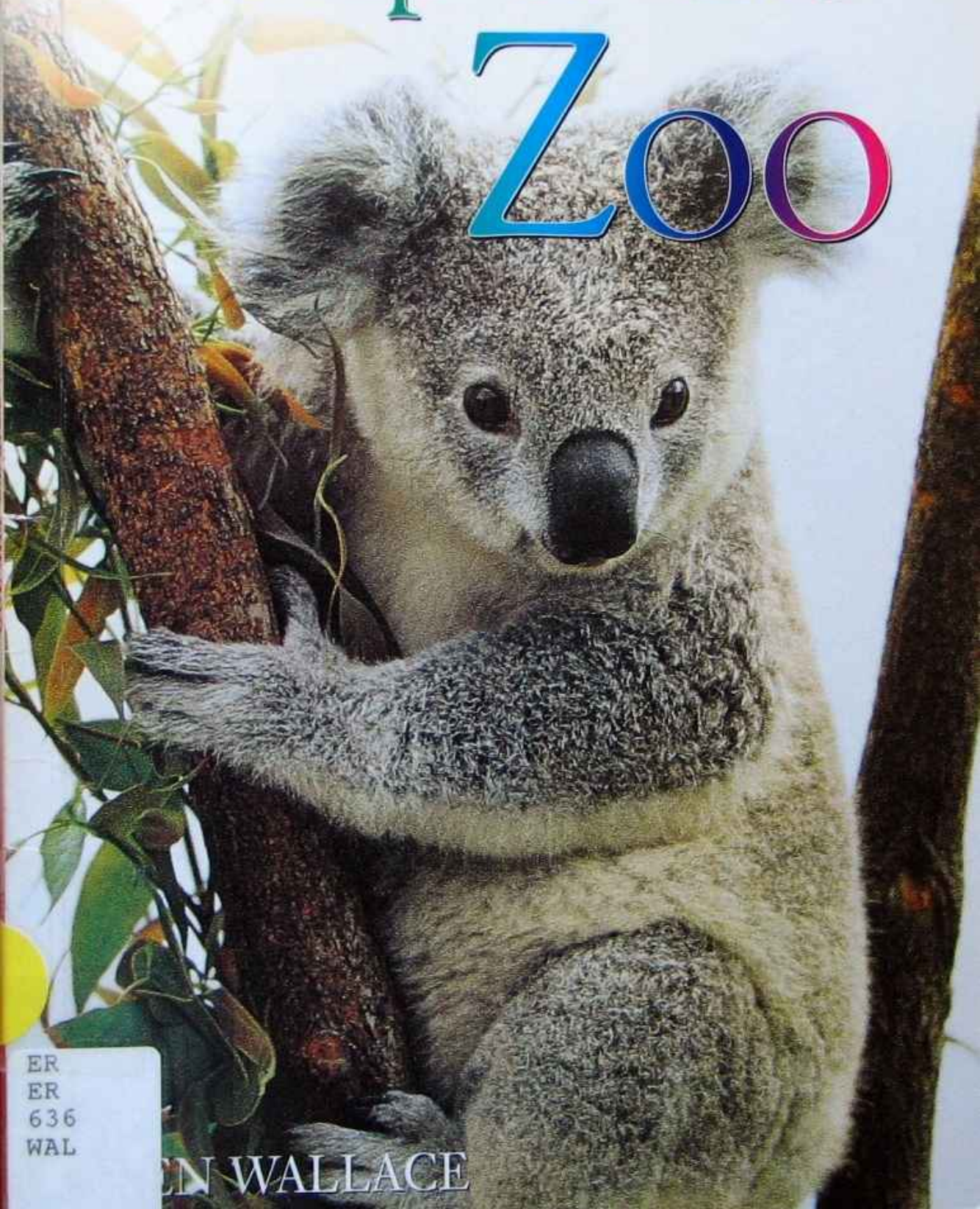


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A Trip to the ZOO



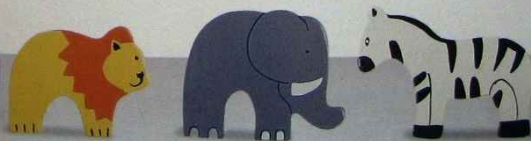
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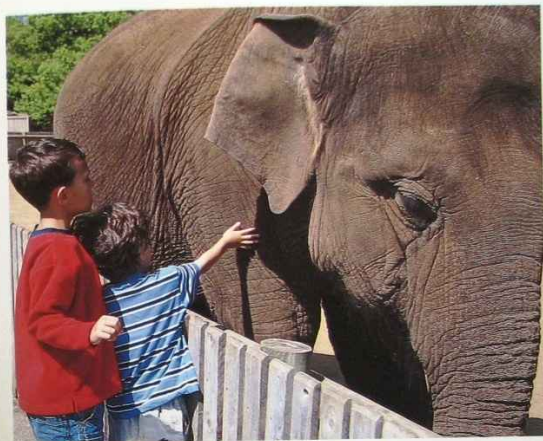
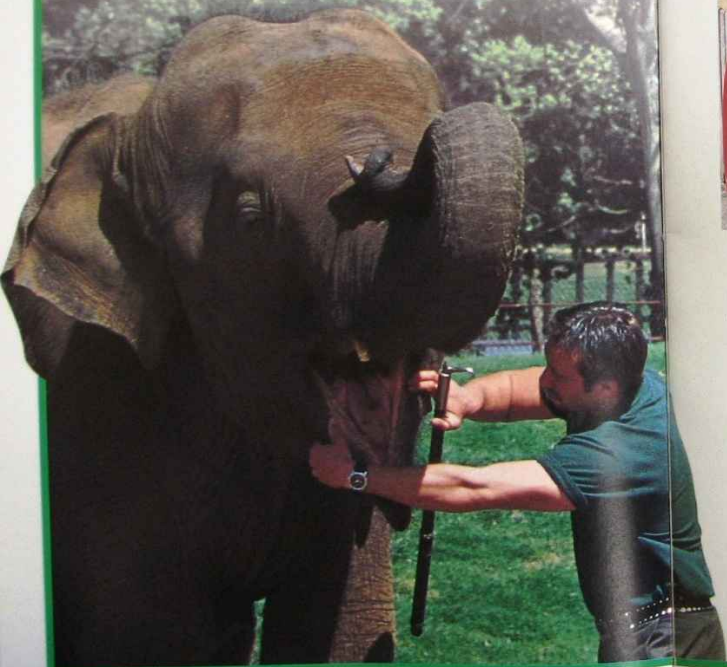
Billy was a boy
who loved wild animals.
He read books about them.
He watched movies about them.



During vacation, Billy's mom
had a surprise for him,
and his little brother, Matt.
It was a trip to the zoo.

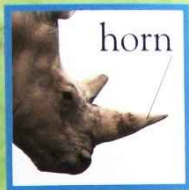


Billy and Matt were so excited.
First, they saw a huge elephant.
She was having her
teeth checked.

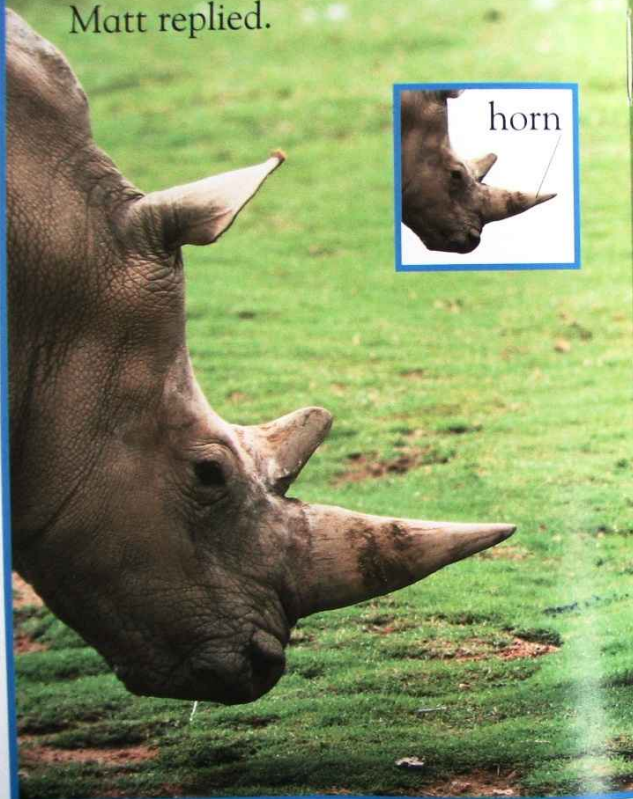


Then the elephant
walked around slowly
to let the children pet her.
“Her skin feels so hairy,”
laughed Matt.

“Look at the rhinos,” Billy said.
“Their horns look very sharp,”
Matt replied.



Billy told Matt that rhinos
may seem clumsy,
but they can run very fast.



“Look! Those horses have stripes,”
said Matt.

“Those aren’t horses,”
said Billy.

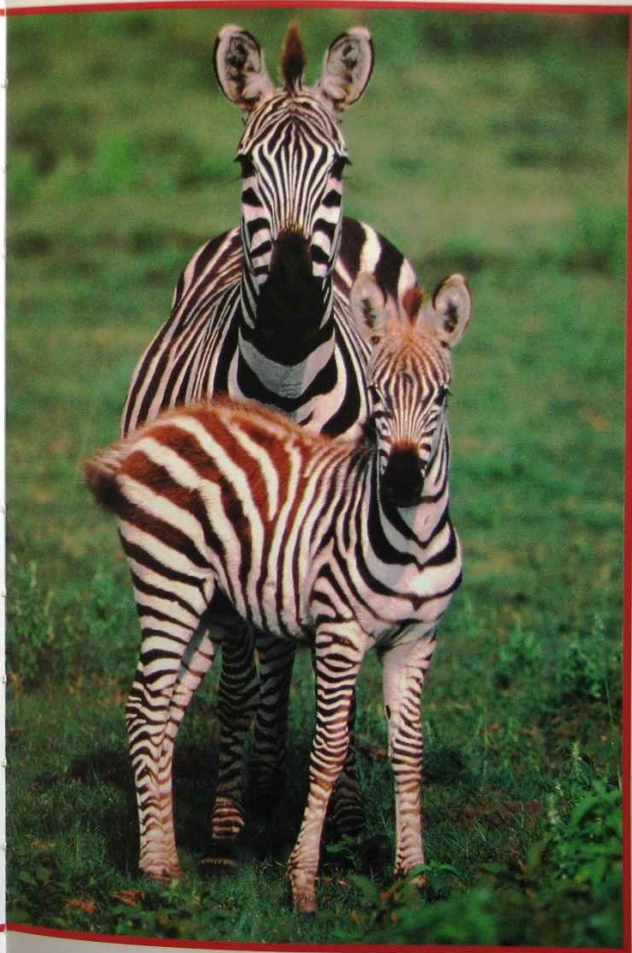
“They’re zebras.”

“Can you ride a zebra?”
asked Matt.

“No, zebras are wild animals.”



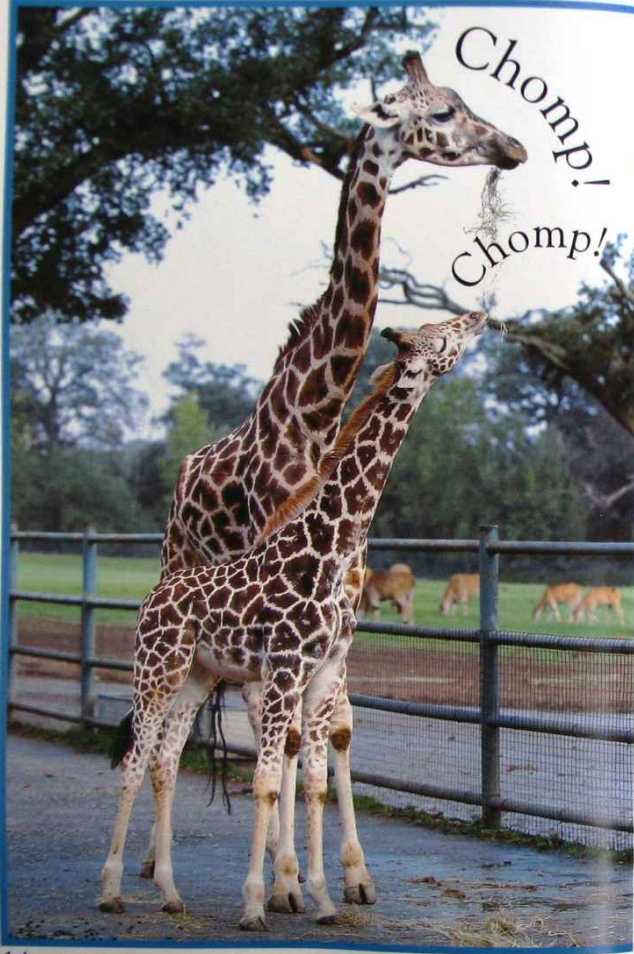
stripes





“Here are some more striped animals,” called Matt. Billy looked at the tigers lying under the tree.

They looked so peaceful. It was hard for him to believe that tigers are fierce hunters in the wild.



“No stripes this time, Matt,”

Billy laughed.

“Giraffes have
big and small patches.”

Matt was feeling hungry.

“I think the giraffes
are hungry, too!” said Billy.



patches

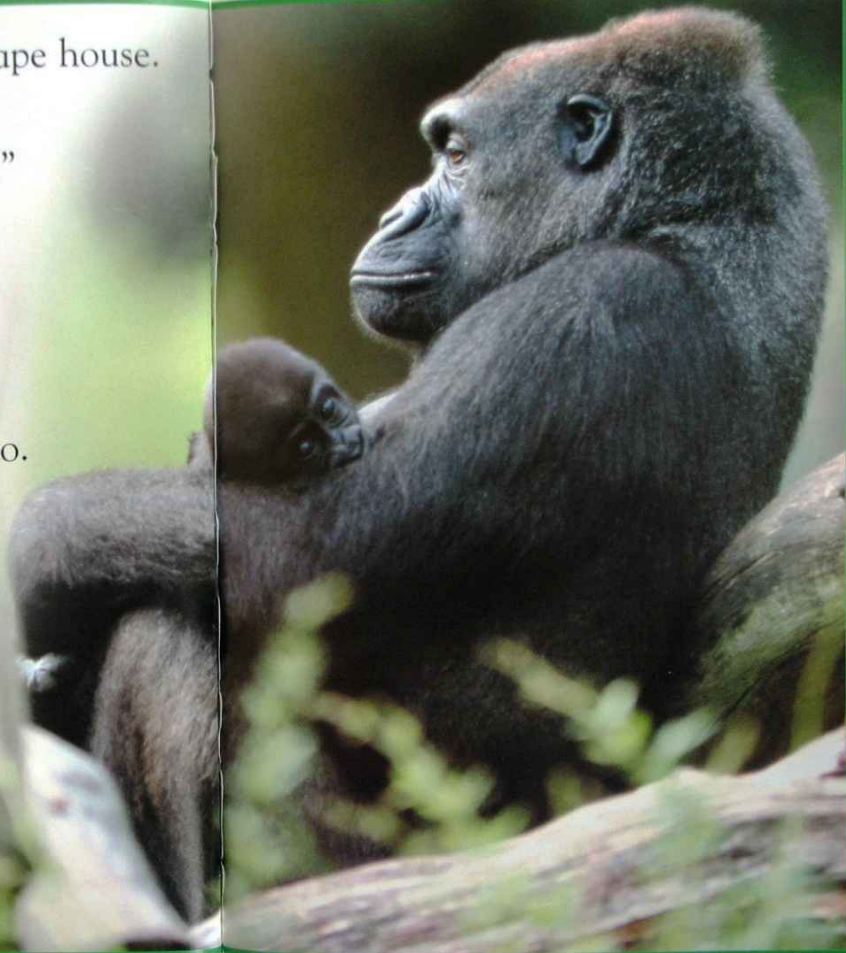


Next, they went to the ape house.
“Look—that gorilla is
taking care of her baby,”
said Matt.

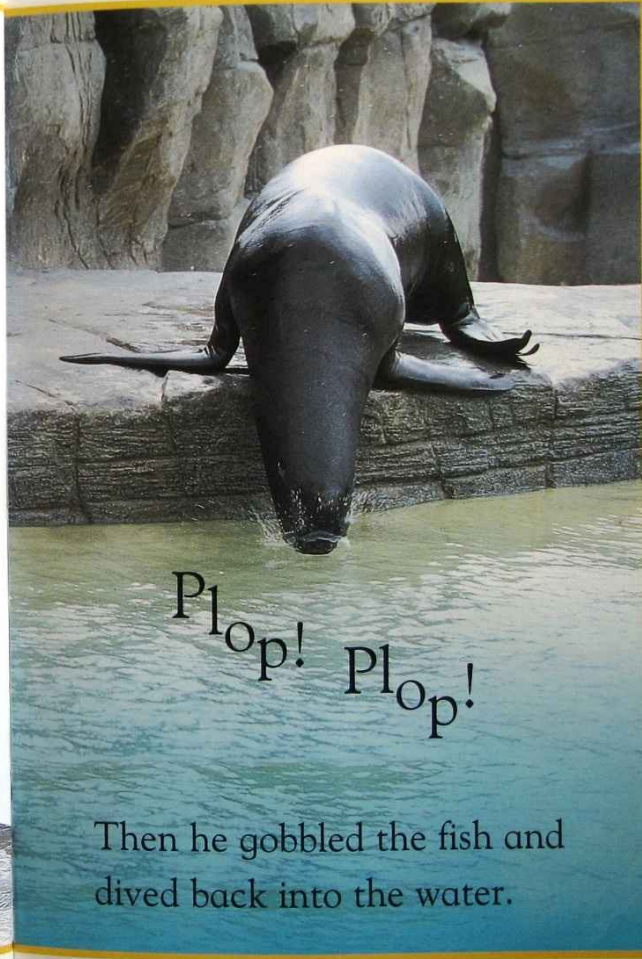
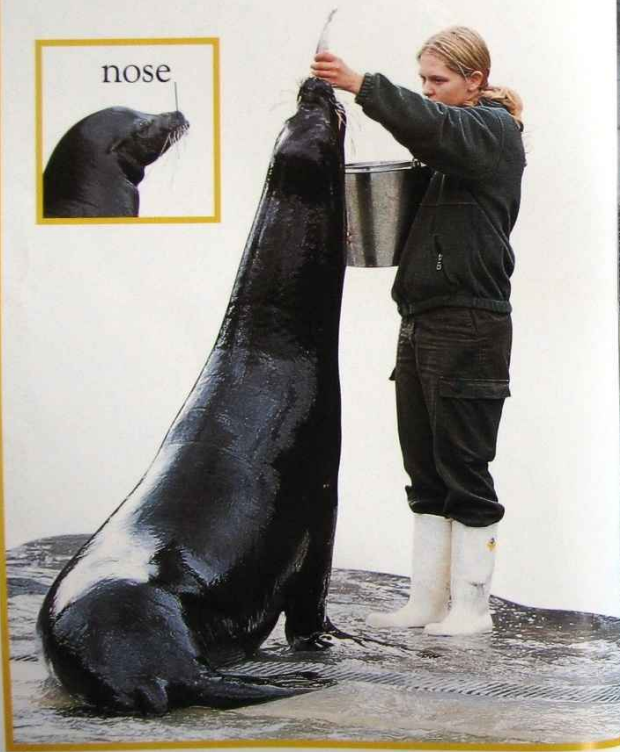
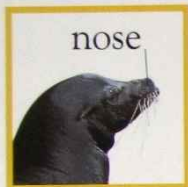
It was time to go
to the sea lion show.
But Billy did not want to.
He was staring at the
gorilla’s big nostrils!



nostril



The sea lion show was starting.
The sea lion came up and
touched a fish with his nose.



Then he gobbled the fish and
dived back into the water.

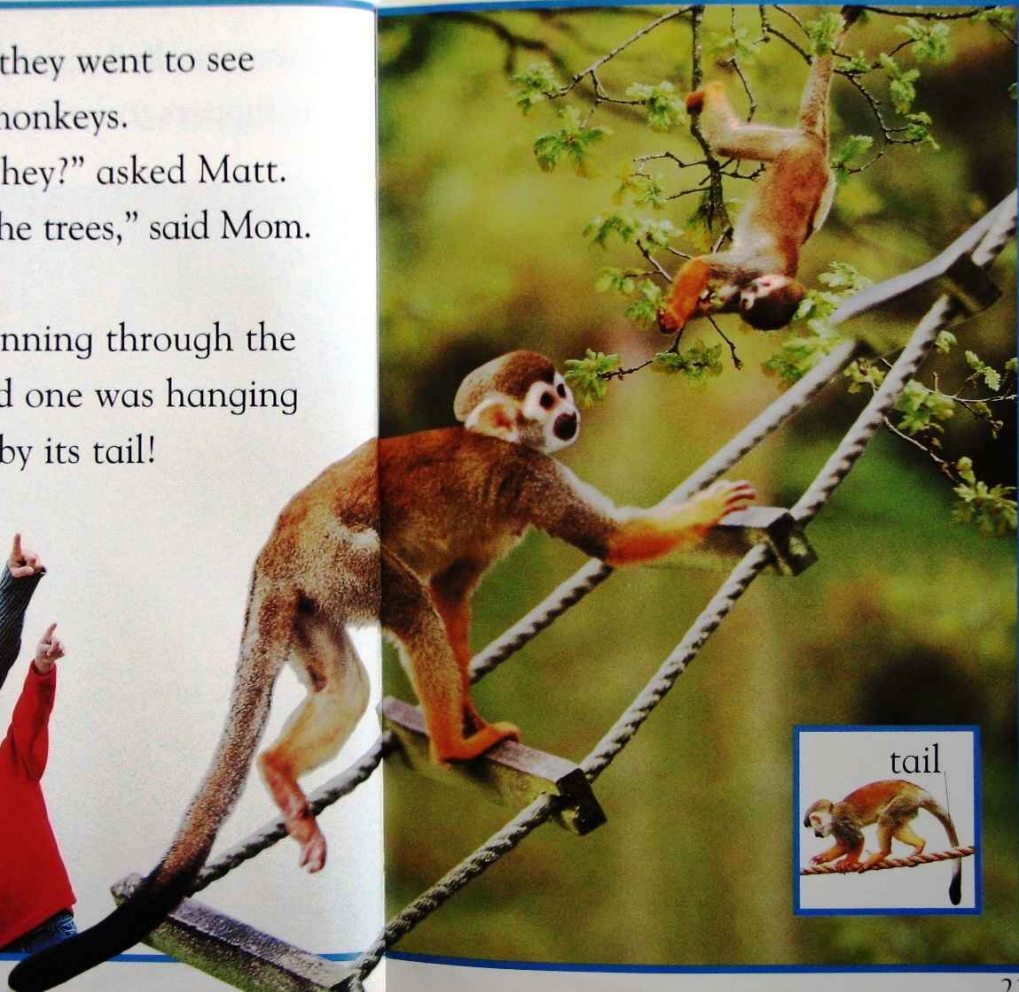
Billy and Matt looked through the underground window at the pool.

They watched a sea lion use his flippers to swim underwater.



After lunch, they went to see
the squirrel monkeys.
“Where are they?” asked Matt.
“Look up in the trees,” said Mom.

They were running through the
branches, and one was hanging
upside down by its tail!



“Look, those koalas are climbing trees, too,” said Matt. “Their sharp claws help them to grip,” Billy explained. “Hold on tight, baby koala!” called Matt.



claws



Some furry wallabies
hopped by.

“They are like kangaroos
but smaller,” said Billy.

“Watch me jump
like a wallaby,”
said Matt.

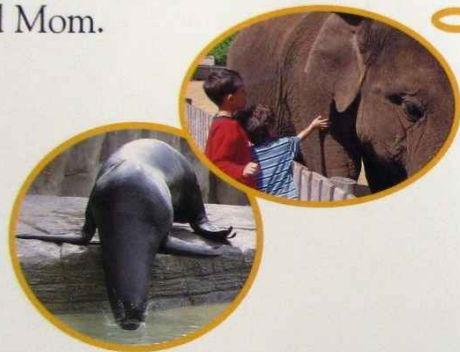


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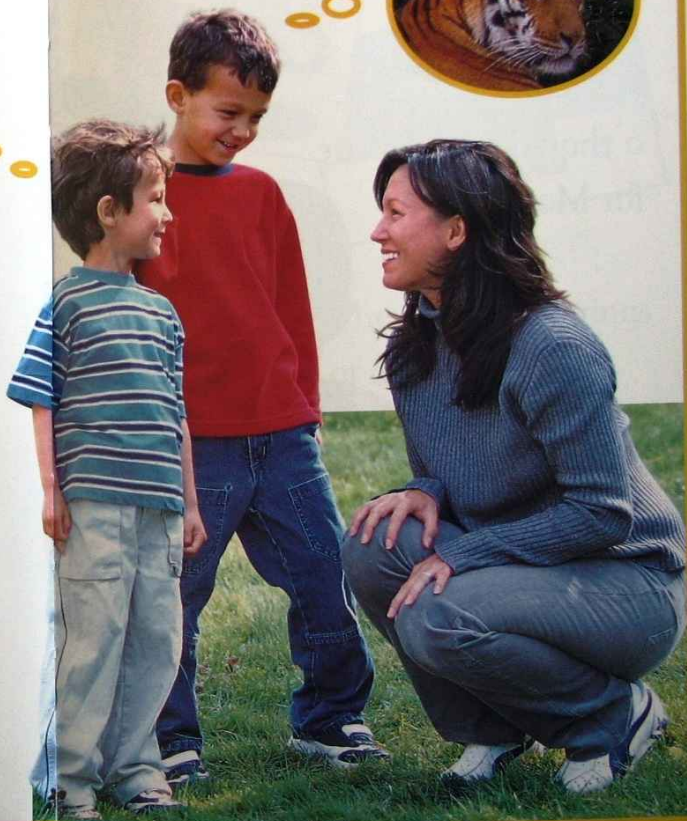
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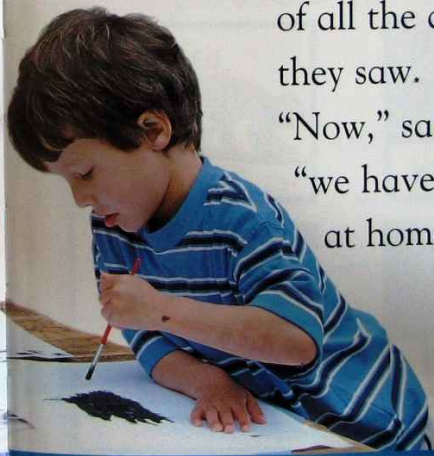
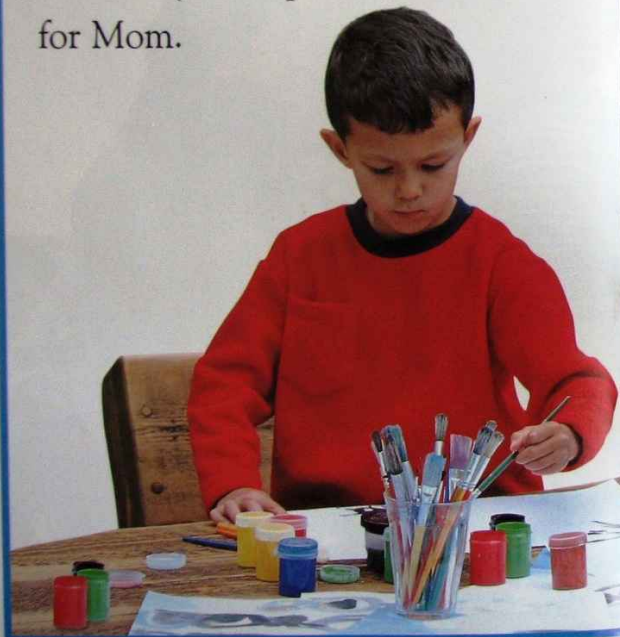
“I wish we could take some animals home,” said Billy.
“I’m afraid we can’t do that,” said Mom.



“But we can adopt an animal. That way, we’ll be helping the zoo take care of them here.”
It was hard choosing a favorite animal to adopt.



When they got home,
Billy and Matt
started making
a thank-you surprise
for Mom.



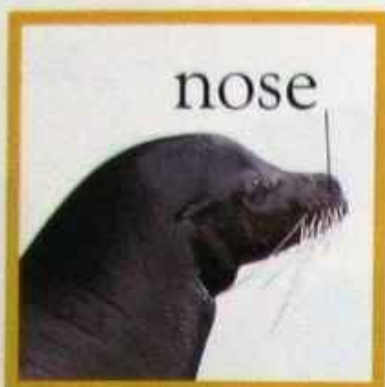
They made paintings
of all the animals
they saw.
“Now,” said Billy,
“we have a zoo
at home!”

Picture word list



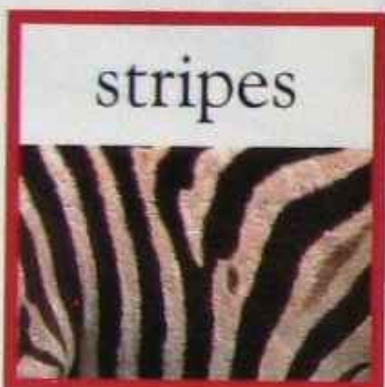
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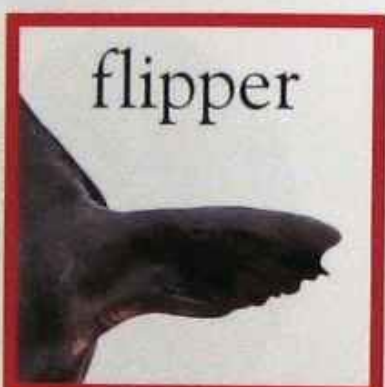
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