



Waiting in Line at the Zoo

A Social Narrative



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I am going to the zoo! At the zoo, there are many animals to see and activities to do.



When I first arrive at the zoo, I might have to wait in line to buy a ticket. I might also have to wait in line to enter the zoo. That is okay!



Sometimes, there are lots of people at the zoo who want to see the same animals as me. I might have to wait to see the animals.



Some of the places I might have to wait in line are Kangaroo Kickabout, Critter Encounters, & Lorikeet Landing.



I might also wait in line to ride the train, carousel, or zip line. That is okay!



I might be very excited, but I will try to wait in line patiently. Waiting patiently means I will try to keep my hands to myself & speak in a quiet voice. I can ask my family for help if I need it.



Home Sweet Home



LOOK!

What are Nashville Zoo's meerkats?

WATCHING

A meerkat on sentry duty stands straight and is watchful of its surroundings. It will warn the meerkat mob when danger arises.



Can you spot the meerkat on sentry duty?

BASKING

Meerkats have dark bellies that help absorb heat from the sun to warm their bodies.



Do you see meerkats basking in the sun?

GROOMING

Meerkats groom each other to help keep the mob a tight family unit.



Can you find meerkats grooming?

DIGGING

A meerkat has strong, sharp claws that are great tools for digging.



Do you see meerkats digging?

DOWN UNDER

Meerkats are small, furry mammals that live in the deserts of Africa. They are known for their unique behavior of standing on their hind legs and for their ability to dig deep burrows. Meerkats live in groups called mobs, and each mob has a dominant male and female. The dominant male is responsible for protecting the mob from predators, while the dominant female is responsible for raising the young. Meerkats are also known for their ability to survive in harsh, dry environments. They can go for long periods of time without drinking water, and they can tolerate high temperatures. Meerkats are a fascinating species, and they are a popular attraction at many zoos.



DOWN UNDER

If I get tired of waiting, I can ask my family for a break or to go look at something else at the zoo.



I might eat lunch at the zoo café. I might wait in line to order my food. While I am waiting, I can look at the menu & think about what I would like to eat.



If I follow the rules at the zoo and wait in line patiently, my family will be proud of me. I might like going to the zoo!