

To the Zoo

What would you want to see at the zoo?

- 1 "Is everyone buckled in?" called Mrs. Shaw.
- 2 "Yes, Mom. Hold on, tigers. Here I come!" sang Jake from the back seat.
- 3 "Ooh, tigers? You didn't tell me there were tigers there," said Charlie. "Here we come!"
- 4 Julia was very grown-up. "I would rather spend my time looking at animals that don't want to eat me. I like to watch the owls."
- 5 "An owl would eat you if you were a mouse!" called Charlie. Julia made a face.
- 6 "What about you, Lisa?" Mrs. Shaw asked. "What do you want to see?"
- 7 "Make mine zebras," she answered, after thinking for a moment.
- 8 Mrs. Shaw laughed. "Zebras, tigers, and owls—oh, my!"



1. How does everyone feel about going to the zoo?

_____ They are tired. _____ They are eager.

2. Why isn't Julia very interested in seeing the tigers?

3. Write **first**, **next**, and **last** on the lines to show the order in which events happened.

_____ Lisa wants to see the zebras.

_____ Mrs. Shaw asks if everyone is buckled in.

_____ Julia makes a face.

4. What does Charlie say would happen if Julia were a mouse?

5. How are Charlie and Julia related to each other?

6. Is this story realistic, or is it a fantasy? Explain.

7. What animals would you like to see if you went to the zoo?

8. What was the author's purpose in writing this story?

_____ to entertain _____ to make you want to visit the zoo

_____ to teach you about zoo animals