African Animals 1



Let's look at different animals that live in Zambia.

Zambia is a country in Africa.

It is home to lots of different animals.





Mother baboon and baby

This is a mother baboon with her baby.

Baby baboons cling to their mother's belly when they are carried.

These are buffalo. They travel in really big groups called herds.

Buffalo can live until they are 25 years old.





This is an elephant.

An elephant uses its trunk to lift food and suck up water.

Elephants love to lie down in mud. It helps them keep cool.

Key words:

baboon buffalo elephant Zambia trunk herd



Guided Reading – African Animals Part 1 Discussion Sheet

Before Reading - Prediction activity

Ask your students these questions before and after reading the text. Have students skim the text to help with prediction before reading.

Statement	Before Reading		After Reading	
	Yes	No	Yes	l No
A. You are going to read about animals.		 		
B. You are going to read about lions.		 		
C. You are going to learn about baboons.		 		
D. Elephants go in mud to help them cool down.		 		

During Reading – Help with pronunciation, understanding and decoding.

After Reading – Have students complete the following activities on an erasable white board or on a blank sheet of paper. Students should share responses after each question. You can document responses below.

- 1. Baby baboons hold what part of their mother's body?
- 2. Write a new word you have learned in this text. (Check spelling)
- 3. Why do elephants love to lie in mud?
- 4. What do elephants use their tusks for?

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Finish the sentences.
1. Zambia is a country in
2. A group of buffalo is called a
Tick the answer.
3. What does an elephant use to lift food and suck up water?
Tusks Ears
Trunk Tail
4. What do elephants love to lie in?
Mud Snow
Bath Bed
Answer the question below.
5. How do mummy baboons carry their babies?
Tell Odd one thing you know about African animals.





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1. Draw lines to fix the broken sentences. Zambia is a country in in mud. Buffalo travel in Africa. Elephants love to lie down big herds. 2. Name three animals found in Zambia. 3. The capital letters and full stop are missing. Put them back in. zambia is a country in africa 4. Choose a word from the box to finish the sentences. Zambia trunk herd cling

Baby baboons to their mother's belly.

An elephant uses its ______ to suck up water.