

# POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

## Lesson Plan

### Is This True of a Zoo?

Lesson Plan for Zoos

Grade 1

#### Objective

To help students recall key details from a text about zoos.

#### Things Needed

- Zoos book

#### Before the Activity

Read *Zoos* out loud to students.

#### Activity

Have all students stand up. Explain that you will read a sentence describing something about a zoo. Students will decide if the sentence is true or false. If students think the sentence is true, they should put their thumbs up. If students think the sentence is false, they should put their thumbs down. Students who guess the correct answer get to stay standing. Students who guess incorrectly have to sit down. If the sentence was false, students will brainstorm together to figure out what would make the sentence true.

Use the following list of sentences:

- Animals are allowed to move around anywhere in the zoo. (**FALSE—Animals live in their own areas. Fences or walls keep them in their space.**)
- People can learn about animals by watching them. (**TRUE**)
- Visitors take care of the animals at a zoo. (**FALSE—Zookeepers take care of the animals.**)
- People can see many different kinds of animals at the zoo. (**TRUE**)
- Big animals like tigers live in glass tanks. (**FALSE—Big animals live outside in large spaces.**)
- Aquariums are zoos that focus on fish and other water animals. (**TRUE**)
- Snakes and fish live in glass tanks at the zoo. (**TRUE**)



- At the zoo, all animals live in the same space. (**FALSE—Each type of animal lives in its own space.**)
- Zoos try to make an animal’s space as close to its habitat in the wild as possible. (**TRUE**)
- Animals that are endangered have an easy time surviving in the wild. (**FALSE—Endangered animals have a hard time surviving in the wild.**)
- Visitors to the zoo can learn about what animals eat and how they act. (**TRUE**)
- Animals clean their own spaces at the zoo. (**FALSE—Zookeepers clean the animals’ homes.**)
- Fences or glass walls separate people from the animals. (**TRUE**)
- All zoos focus on one specific type of animal. (**FALSE—Some zoos have many different kinds of animals.**)
- People can watch animals eat, sleep, and play at the zoo. (**TRUE**)
- Zoos can give endangered animals a safe place to live. (**TRUE**)

### **Evaluation**

The last student standing wins.

### **Standards**

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1).

