

TALK READ SING TAMPA BAY TIPS FOR ZOOTAMPA

This activity is part of a joint effort of Champions for Children; Talk Read Sing Tampa Bay, an Initiative of Champions; Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library (Library); and ZooTampa. This design of the activity is to promote language and math concepts during your day exploring ZooTampa.

Go on a number hunt! Take turns pointing to and naming the numbers you see on signs at ZooTampa!

While you are at the zoo, let's find living things! Living things need food, water, shelter, and space. "I see a red wolf. I see a panther. What do you see?"

Have fun finding things of different sizes and using words to describe them. Ask, "What is the tallest animal at ZooTampa? Can we find something big? Humongous? Small? Tiny? Short?"

Go on a "shape hunt" with your little one. Search for different shapes during your trip to ZooTampa.

Talk about animals that live in the water! "I see an otter. I see manatees. What do you see?"

While you are at the zoo, explore and find non-living things! "I see water fountains. I see the tiger coaster. What do you see?"

Go on a pattern hunt around the zoo. "I see stripes on the zebra! What patterns can you find?"

Go on a letter hunt! Take turns pointing to and naming the letters you see on signs at ZooTampa!

Talk with your child about the weather each day! What do they see in the sky when it is sunny, cloudy, or rainy? What animal likes to live in sunny Florida?

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Throughout the day, talk about the sounds you hear at ZooTampa. "I hear a bird chirping. I hear the songs from the carousel. What do you hear?"

Throughout the day, talk about the smells at ZooTampa. "I smell popcorn. I smell fish. I smell a skunk. What do you smell?"

Talk about animals that fly at the zoo! "I see an owl. I see lorikeets. What bird do you see?"

Have fun finding animals that jump! "I see a wallaby. What animal do you see that jump?"

Have fun pretending to move and sound like different animals. "Ribbit and hop like a frog" or "chirp and flap your wings like a bird"!

Count the trees as you walk around the zoo. How many trees can you count?

Everywhere you go, use words to talk about what you see. During your time at ZooTampa, look for an animal that lives in trees. Count how many you can see!