Jake and Anna are two best friends that always wanted to go to the zoo. Finally, the day had come for them to finally go to the zoo. When they arrived, they saw so many amazing animals. They saw elephants, lions, monkeys, giraffes,

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tigers and even zebras! They watched the monkeys play and swing from trees. They saw the elephants eat and the giraffes bent their long necks to greet them. They were so happy that they got to have their picture taken with the giraffe and the monkeys. At the end of the day, they were very tired. They said good-bye to the animals and then went back home. They said it was their best day ever!

- Read the passage about a trip to the zoo. 1.
- Underline each word that you could not read. 2.
- Circle each word that took you more than 1 try. 3.
- Answer the questions. 4.

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1. What is the story mostly about?

- a. 2 best friends Jake and Anna
- b. the zoo
- c. zebras and monkeys

2. What did they see the monkeys do?

- a. eat bananas
- b. swing from trees
- c. climb the rocks

3. What did they see the elephants do?

- a. eat
- b. drink
- c. play

4. Who are Jake and Anna:

- a. the names of the 2 zebras
- b. the zoo keepers
- c. two best friends
- 5. After their trip to the zoo, what did they say?
- a. let's go again
- b. it was their best day ever
- c. they loved the animals

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2 Trip to the Zoo Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

- 1. Inferring
- 2. Making Connections
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Visualizing
- 1. Why do you think they wanted to go to the zoo so badly?
- 2. What did this story remind you of? (Your trip to the zoo? Reading about the zoo? Saw a movie about the zoo?)
- 3. In two sentences summarize what this story is all about.
- 4. What images went through your mind as you read the story?

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