

CLASSROOM Primary English Read On
Reading Worksheet 1 (Primary 6)

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Working around Animals

What are some different and exciting jobs for people who are looking for an adventure? If you like animals and have a caring nature, you may consider becoming a zookeeper. Imagine how much fun you would have working in a zoo and care for animals!

The main duty of zookeepers is to look after the animals. Their job includes feeding the animals, cleaning the animals and their living areas. Keepers of parrots, dolphins and seals also have to train their animals. They teach them tricks so that they can perform for the audience. That is why zookeepers are required to be caring and patient. They must not lose their temper when the animals do not follow their instructions. They also need to spend lots of time observing the animals' behaviour. It is because zookeepers have to understand the needs of animals through their body language.

Do not think that zookeepers only have to deal with animals; they often have to deal with people as well. Zookeepers need to help the vets when the animals are sick or hurt. They also have to give talks to the visitors at the educational centre in the zoo. In the talks, they teach visitors the animals' behaviour and characteristics, share their work experiences, and answer the questions of visitors. They also take this chance to raise the public awareness of animal welfare. So, zookeepers have to be outgoing and like to interact with both animals and people.

Zookeeper is certainly a very special job. Many zookeepers said that they become friends with the animals and they are very happy with their job. If you love animals, and you are caring, patient and outgoing, this may be the perfect job for you.



Circle the best answer for Question 1 and 2.

1. A zookeeper has to be _____?

- A. caring
- B. patient
- C. outgoing
- D. all of the above

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2. Who do the zookeepers help to check animals?

- A. Visitors
- B. Animals
- C. The vets
- D. The public

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Fill in the blanks with the words from the text.



3. People with a bad temper are not suitable to be a zookeeper. Only patient and caring people can interact well with animals.

Answer Question 4 in short.

4. According to the article, which animal(s) can perform tricks?

Parrots, dolphins and seals

Answer Question 5 and 6 in complete sentences.

5. How do zookeepers understand the needs of the animals?

They observe the animals' behaviours.

6. Where do zookeepers give talks to visitors?

They give talks at the educational centre in the zoo.