



One Night in the Zoo
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Before Reading:

- Show children the cover. Ask, "What do you see?" Then, "What do you think this story is going to be about?"

As You Read:

- Explain words the children may not know (astonished, hue) and any silly words (squidberry).
- Have the audience choral read "...but nobody knew."

After Reading:

- Flip through the pages and together, count the animals.
- Go back to each page and ask, "What did the _____ do?" (Example: The monkeys put the feathers back on the cockatoos.)
- Ask children to name the rhyming words on each page. Write these on the board and point out that rhyming words do not have to be spelled the same. Circle the ones that are spelled the same.
- Show the page where the animals are back in their cages. Find the animals that are not in their cages.

Activities:

- Sketch a flamingo and color with colored pencils. Use the illustration in the book as a model. Create your own background.
- Think of a zoo animal not mentioned in the story. Now think of something silly or unrealistic that it might do one night in the zoo. Share out loud. (Challenge – make it rhyme.)

Themes:

- Animals
- Counting
- Rhyming

"One moonlit, magical night in the zoo An elephant jumped in the air and flew. But nobody knew." It's only once all the visitors have gone home that the real fun starts in the Zoo! Learn to count in a fun and wonderfully imaginative way as you follow all the animals through the night in this gorgeous picture book, and find out what mischief they get into. Read. ISBN: 9780007321131. Review. Praise for One Night in the Zoo: "Lovely uses soothing, pastel illustrations and exotic animals to make basic counting seem unintimidating." Daily Telegraph Praise for Twinkles, Arthur and Puss': `A very engaging take on feline behaviour' The Bookseller Praise for `The Tiger Who Came To Tea': `Near perfection of form is embellished by clear, expressive illustrations.Â This book has enduring charm and young children will delight in the preposterous notion of a tiger creating mayhem in the house.' Junior Magazine "Lovely uses soothing, pastel illustrations and exotic animals to make basic counting seem unintimidating." The first sentence of this book already captures the audience â€œOne magical, moonlit night in the zooâ€™, and leads you the reader wanting to find out more. The book describes all of the things some Zoo animals get up to when the moon is out for example we have an elephant jumping in the air and flying, lions doing card tricks and bears making stews!Â The zoo keepers say that the animals look so tired what could they have been up to but the One night in the zoo, the weirdest unexpected things were happening. An elephant jumped in the air and flew, a Kangaroo and crocodile were cycling, lions were doing magic tricks, and bears were cooking and many other strange things.