My Trip to the Zoo

Last Saturday my cousin, Satoshi, and I went to the zoo. We visited the apes first. My favourite ape is the orangutan because they are so clever and human-like. We watched one orangutan as he gathered a pile of empty potato sacks and carefully stacked them to form a seat. He fussed with the sacks and tested his seat to make it more comfortable. Then he finally sat on the pile. It was really funny to watch.

After the apes, we visited the bears and the elephants but we decided that our favourite animals for the day were the mountain goats. They were totally amazing. They climbed up their rock mountain so nimbly, even the babies.

Overall, I enjoyed the day very much and I hope to go back there soon.

A clause is a group of words that expresses an idea and contains a verb. A simple sentence is a single clause. A compound sentence is a sentence that contains more than one clause. Each clause makes sense on its own. The clauses are linked by conjunctions.

1. Read My Trip to the Zoo. Circle the verbs and verb groups. Underline the conjunctions. Then draw a / between each clause.

2. Form compound sentences. Join each pair of simple sentences using a conjunction from the box.

   and  but  yet  or

The meerkats were cute. The otters were cuter.

We liked the lemurs. We liked the sun bears.

It wasn’t very crowded. We couldn’t find a seat.

You can watch tennis at 7 pm. You can watch cricket at 7 pm.
3 Complete each compound sentence with a clause of your own.

We had lasagne for dinner and __________________________.
The beach was crowded but __________________________.
I can travel to New Zealand or __________________________.
Either Terry will go to India or __________________________.

4 Underline the adverb and circle the verb in each sentence.

The lions roared loudly.
The koalas dozed peacefully.
The bears looked at us occasionally.
Long, blue giraffe tongues poked out stickily.

5 Underline the adverb and circle the adjective in each sentence.

The bears looked very relaxed in their rock pool.
The whole thing was totally terrifying.
Zoos are extremely interesting places.
The goats were really clever.

6 Re-read My Trip to the Zoo.
Find three adverbs that add meaning to verbs.

Find three adverbs that add meaning to adjectives.

7 Write a sentence starting with each adverb below.

Stupidly __________________________
Carelessly __________________________
Wearily __________________________
Bravely __________________________
Quickly __________________________

Try it yourself! Choose three of your favourite animals and imagine a trip to a zoo to see them. Write a recount about the trip using simple and compound sentences. Use adverbs to add meaning to verbs and adjectives.

Simple and compound sentences; clauses; conjunctions (connectives); adverbs that modify adjectives, and adverbs that modify verbs (circumstances)