



Extensive reading: Animals

1 Look at the picture. What is the wolf doing?



The wolf pups are hungry, but their mother can't find enough food. Soon, there is only one pup left. He drinks his mother's milk and slowly grows stronger. He is fierce, but he is playful, too. When his mother leaves the cave to look for food, he explores the cave, but he is afraid to go outside. However, as he grows older, he wants to find out what the world is like outside the cave. He learns to hide in the long grass or in the bushes. He learns to hunt and he catches small animals to eat. Other animals try to attack him, but he learns to fight. His mother is proud of him. She can see that he is becoming a great wolf.

One day, while the young wolf is exploring, he comes to a village. He sees a group of men and he is afraid. One of the men tries to pick him up. The pup growls and shows his sharp, white teeth. The men laugh.

"Look at those teeth," they say. "Let's call him White Fang."

Another man tries to pick White Fang up, but White Fang bites the man's hand. The man hits White Fang and White Fang cries. His mother hears him and comes to find him. When she sees the men, she lies down on the ground. She respects humans. A man decides to keep White Fang and his mother. At first, White Fang wants to escape. But the man feeds White Fang and gives him a dry place to sleep. When other dogs try to attack White Fang, the man chases them away.

"Men can protect me and care for me," White Fang thinks. "It is difficult to be a wolf, but it is easy to be a dog."

2 Listen and read. 62 3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The young wolf explores the cave | <input type="checkbox"/> | a because men can protect him. |
| 2 The men call the wolf White Fang | <input type="checkbox"/> | b because he has sharp white teeth. |
| 3 White Fang thinks it's easy to be a dog | <input type="checkbox"/> | c when his mother leaves to find food. |
| 4 White Fang's mother lies in the ground | <input type="checkbox"/> | d because she respects humans. |

4 Look at the picture. Where are the tigers?

Tiger Territory

At San Diego Zoo Safari Park, you can see lots of amazing animals in beautiful natural surroundings. The Tiger Trail is a popular attraction for visitors who want to see Sumatran tigers: you can look through huge glass windows and watch the Sumatran tigers playing and enjoying their habitat. The safari park has lots of trees and plants for the tigers to hide in and it has lots of things for the tigers to do.

Tigers are beautiful, powerful animals. They can run fast, so they need lots of space. The Tiger Trail habitat is huge, so the tigers have lots of space to run. Tigers are very good at climbing trees, too. They like lying on branches because they can see a lot from the branches of tall trees. At the Tiger Trail, there are lots of rocks and tall trees for the tigers to climb.

You can look up through the glass and see a huge tiger looking down at you!

Tigers are members of the cat family. Cats usually hate water, but tigers love it! They are very good swimmers. At the Tiger Trail, there are pools for the tigers to play in. You can watch them playing and swimming in the water. When they are tired, they can relax in the long grass or in special dens.

Sumatran tigers are an endangered species. There are only about 400 Sumatran tigers left in the world. They live in forests in Sumatra, Indonesia. People are destroying the forests because they want the land for farming. As a result, many Sumatran tigers don't have a place to live. San Diego Zoo wants to protect Sumatran tigers in the safari park and in the wild. They want people to learn about tigers and try to help them.



5 Listen and read. 63 6 Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Tigers don't need a lot of space. _____
- 2 Tigers are good at climbing. _____
- 3 Tigers can't swim. _____
- 4 There are about 400 Sumatran tigers in the world. _____