

Lesson 50: At the Zoo

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

John, the Zookeeper: Welcome to Taronga Zoo. My name is John and I will be your guide today.

Akemi: Hello, John. Could you speak a little slower? I'm still adapting to the Australian accent.

John: Sure, I could do that. Let's get started. (walking to the zoo entrance)

Akemi: Where does Taronga Zoo get the animals?

John: A lot of places. Like this elephant, for example. We call him Luk Chai. He is the offspring of two adult elephants that were brought to Australia to participate in the Conservation Breeding Program.

Akemi: I've read about Luk Chai. Wow! It's quite thrilling to see him this close.

John: He is the first calf born in Australia. He is turning five years old in July. Isn't it amazing?

Akemi: Can I **pet him** or give him food?

John: I'm sorry, dear but I can't let you do that. He is quite precious, to be honest.

Akemi: It's alright. Can you take a photo of me with Luk Chai? Thanks!

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. The zookeeper won't let me **pet the animals**.
2. What a cute rabbit! Can I **pet it**?
3. I think my dog likes you. I'm surprised he let you **pet him**.

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3. Your Task

You are at the zoo and you see some teenagers throwing food at the bear. In your nicest way, tell the children (=your tutor) to stop doing it. The teens won't listen to you so you find a zoo attendant (=your tutor). Explain what you saw and where the incident happened. Ask the attendant if he/she can do something about it.

4. Let's Talk

*Have you ever visited a Japanese zoo? What animals are kept there?
Do you think that animals should be kept in a zoo? Why or why not?*

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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