

Animals like
to move it,
move it



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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **I like to move it, move it**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApuFuuCJc3s>

Story ending:

- **We're going to the zoo**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBF1G4EDvqA>



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Sound switch – We're going to the zoo**
- **Zoo animal toys**
- **Monkey puppet or soft toy**
- **Sound switch – lions roaring**
- **Length of bicycle inner tube or Lycra band**
- **Bowl of cool water**
- **Pebbles**
- **Cat's squeaky mouse toy**
- **Strips of velvet or stretchy material**
- **Plastic dolphin**
- **Zebra print fabric**
- **Sound switch – horses' hooves**
- **Coconut husks or plastic cups to make 'clip clop' sound**
- **Moss**
- **Bee & butterfly toys**
- **Silk / light fabric**

In addition, any soft toy animals mentioned in the text would be useful.



Sensory resources and activities

Sound switch – “We’re going to the zoo”

Small world zoo animals



I love going to the zoo
to see all the animals.
Some move fast and
some move slow.



Sensory resources and activities

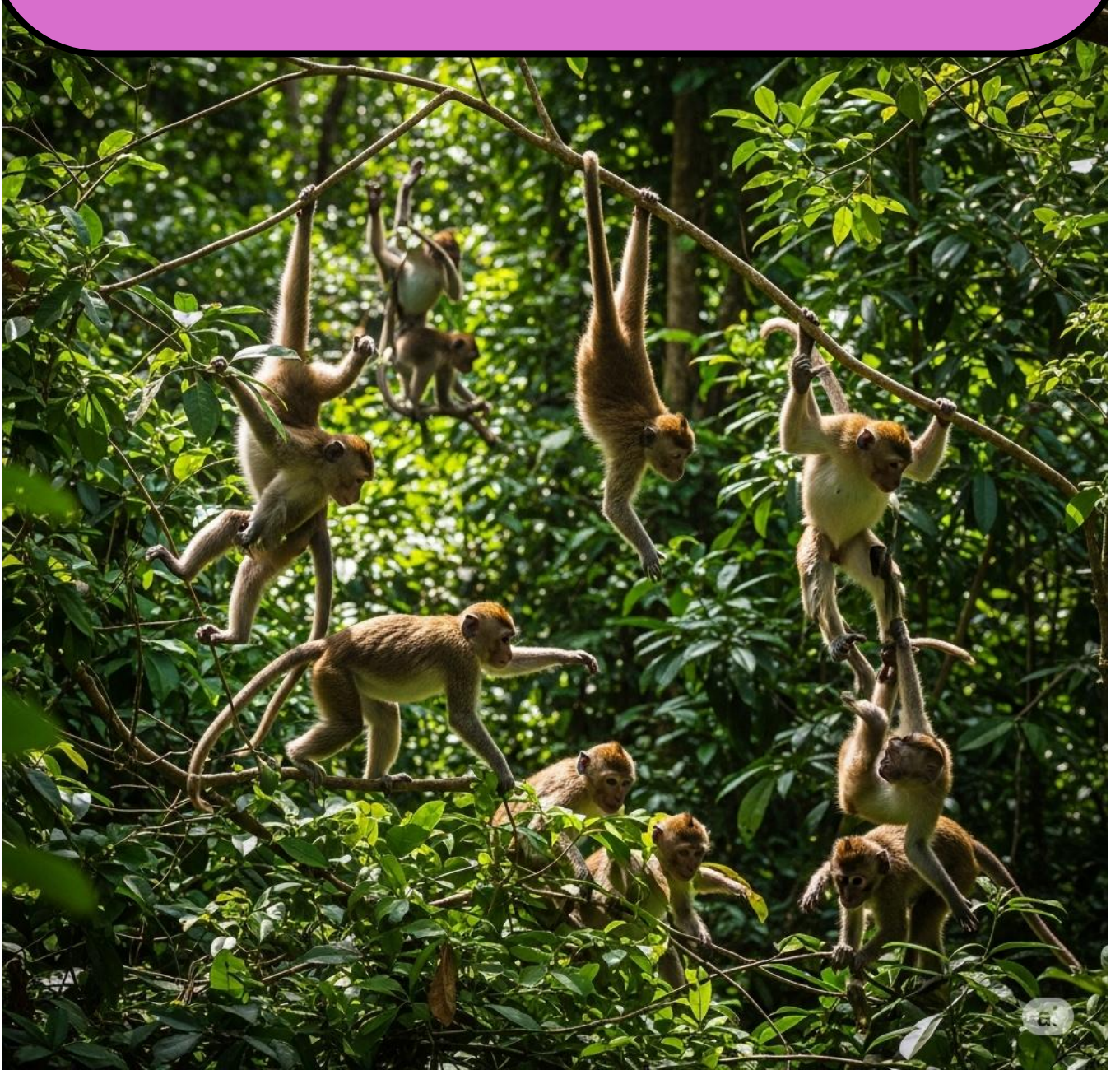
Monkey puppet / soft toy

Learners make monkey actions and sounds

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The monkeys have
lots of fun swinging
through the trees.



Sensory resources and activities

Sound switch – lions roaring
*Learners and adults try pouncing actions
(gross motor)*



The lions roar so loud.
Watch out in case
they pounce!



Sensory resources and activities

Length of bicycle inner tube or
length of Lycra band to swing from
side to side

*Learners stomp feet and swing arms to
represent elephants
(gross motor)*



The elephants swing
their long trunks from
side to side.



Sensory resources and activities

Bowl of cool water

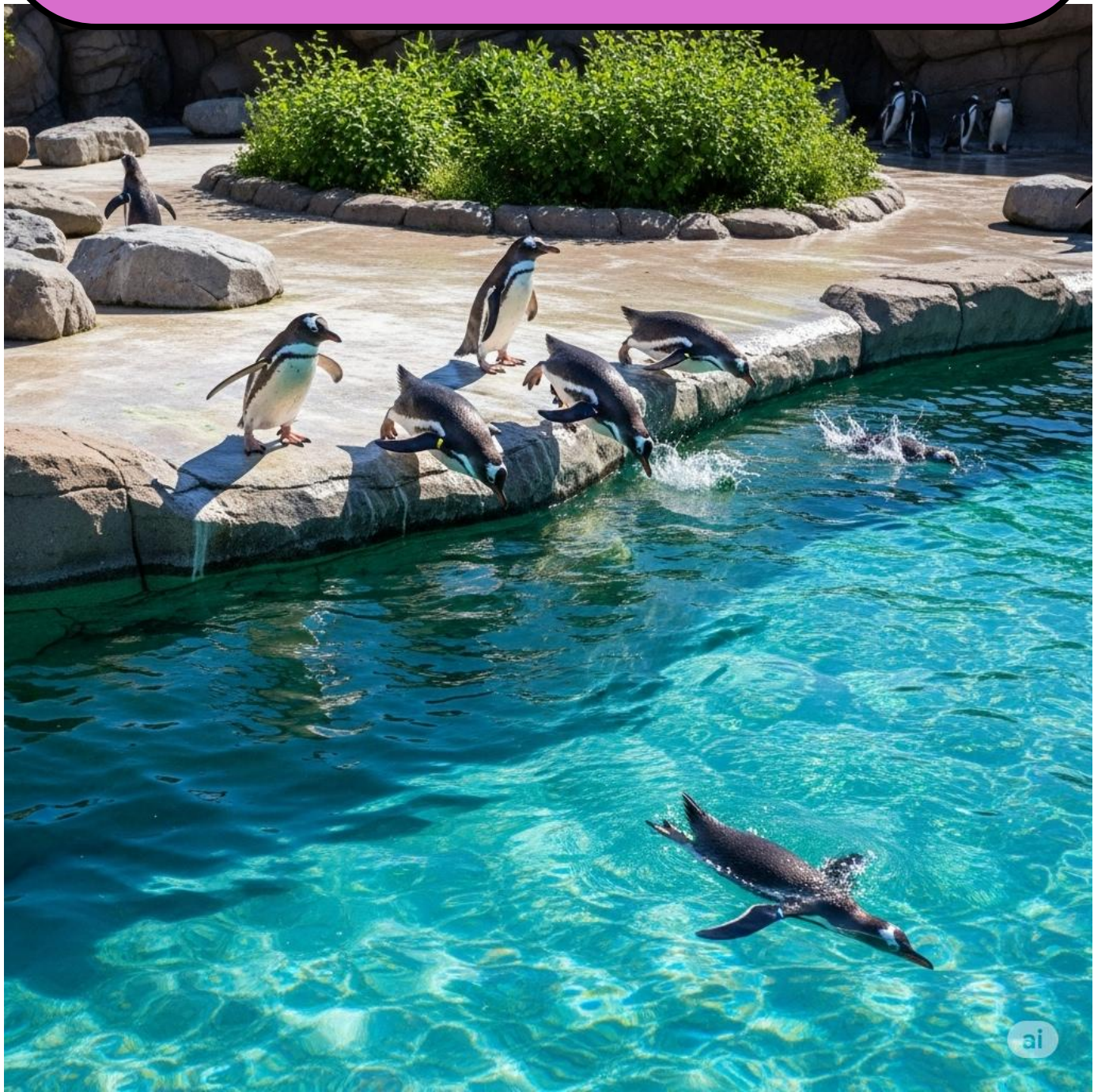
Pebbles

Learners dabble fingers and hands in the cool water

Learners drop pebbles in the water, paying attention to the “plop” sound



The penguins dive into
the cool water. Plop,
plop!



Sensory resources and activities

Cat's squeaky mouse toy
Adults scurry fingers up and down learner's
arms



The little mice scurry
this way and that.



Sensory resources and activities

Strips of velvet or stretchy material
*Pull material over, around and along
learner's arms and legs*



Snakes slowly slither
sinuously and then
stay very still.



Sensory resources and activities

Water

Dolphin plastic toy

Splash learners with water



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Watch out! The dolphins like to jump out of the water and splash everyone!



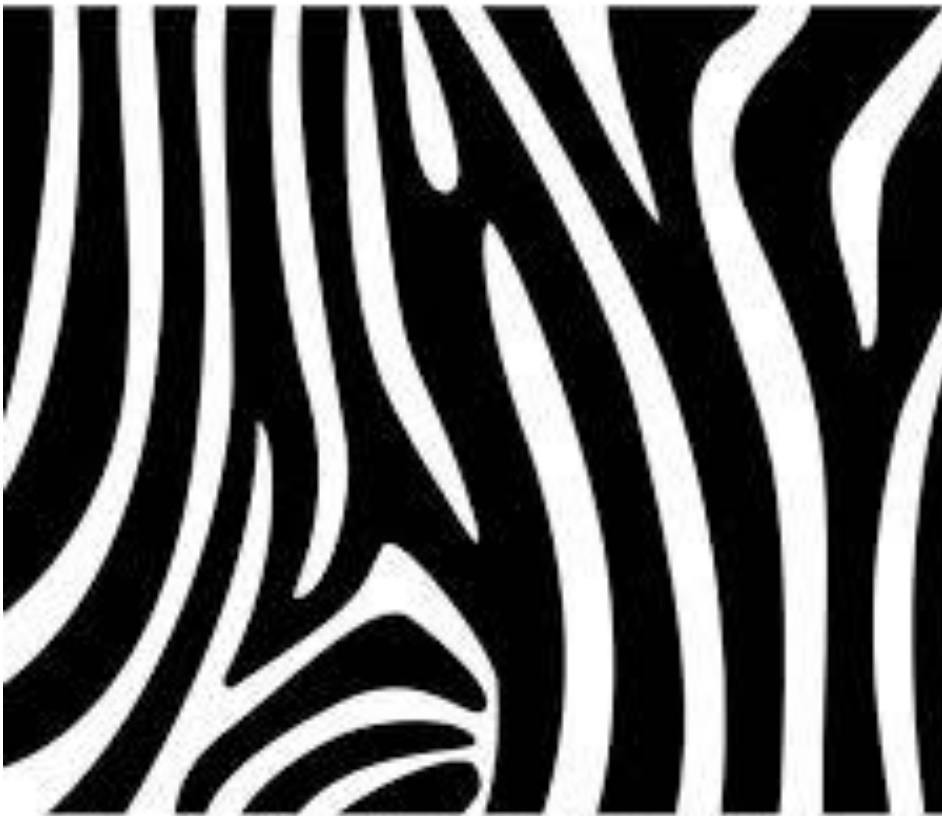
Sensory resources and activities

Zebra-print fabric

Sound switch – horses' hooves

Coconut husks / upturned plastic cups – make clip-clop sounds getting faster

Learners run or are wheeled round the room (gross motor)



Horses and zebras can gallop very fast.



Sensory resources and activities

Speak very slowly
Moss for learners to feel



But the sloth moves
so, so slow.



Sensory resources and activities

Bee & butterfly toys

Light / silk fabric

Waft fabrics around; let them flutter onto each learner's head



Best of all, the bees
and butterflies buzz
and flutter through
the air.



Sensory resources and activities

*Hands above eyes in a searching action
(gross motor)*



I hope you liked our
visit to the zoo. I
wonder what other
animals you can see?





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