

▶ Around the

ZOO

with Baboon

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▶ Baboon has come to the zoo.
“This is your new home,” the
man at the zoo said.



🔊 Baboon sat quietly in her tree.
“This is a big zoo,” she said.
“I think I’ll see who is here.”



▶ Baboon swooped down from her tree. She climbed around and met Goose. “Good afternoon,” said Baboon.



🔊 “Hello,” said Goose. “Come in the pool and get cool. There’s plenty of room.”



▶ Baboon climbed around the zoo some more and met Peacock. “Good afternoon,” said Baboon. “I like your feathers.”



“Me, too,” said Peacock. “My feathers are so pretty. Your nose is very pretty, too. It is the color of fire.”



▶ Baboon climbed around the zoo some more and saw Rooster up on a roof. "Good afternoon," called Baboon.



- ▶ “Cock-a-doodle-doo!” cried Rooster. “You can sit on the roof if you’re careful.”
- ▶ “Maybe soon,” said Baboon.



- ▶ Baboon climbed around the zoo some more and met Moose.
- ▶ “Good afternoon,” said Baboon. “What’s that on your head?”



- ▶ “These are my antlers,” said Moose as he shook his head.
- ▶ They look heavy, thought Baboon.



▶ Baboon climbed around the zoo some more and met Tiger. “Good afternoon,” said Baboon.



- ▶ “Hi,” said Tiger. “I’m going to take a nap. Would you like to take one, too?”
- ▶ “Maybe next time,” said Baboon.



🔊 Baboon climbed around the zoo some more and met Raccoon.
“Good afternoon,” said Baboon.



- ▶ “Well, hello there,” said Raccoon.
“The moon will come up soon.
- ▶ You can snoop for food with me.”



▣ Baboon climbed back to her tree. She rested against it. “I like this zoo,” she said. “I made so many friends today.”

🔊 Think and Respond

🔊 ① Why does Baboon go around the zoo?

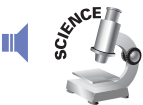
🔊 ② Who does Baboon meet at the zoo?

🔊 ③ Describe Baboon's nose.

🔊 ④ Why does Baboon like the zoo so much?

🔊 ⑤ What is your favorite animal at the zoo?

Why?



Be an Animal Pretend to be an animal at the zoo. Move and make sounds the way the animal does. See if your friends can tell what animal you are pretending to be.



School-Home Connection Talk with a family member about the features and habits of various animals. Then pick two animals, such as a dog and a horse. Discuss ways that the animals are alike and different.



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