

**Chloe at the Safari Park**

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### Chloe draws

Chloe is very clever. She often draws cats, dogs and birds.

She uses brown for the bear, blue for the fish, red for the squirrel.

'Could you draw me a horse?' asks her friend Heidi. 'Horses are my favourite animal.'

Chloe draws a horse for Heidi. He has a brown neck and back, and a black mane and tail. It has four long legs and hoofs clippity-clopping on the cobblestones.

Heidi asks Chloe, 'Which animal is your favourite?'

Chloe thinks. 'Squirrels are cute, monkeys are funny, and turtles are sweet.'

But in the end, she decides that foxes are her favourite with their red fur, white bib and black noses.

'And what are their tails like?' asks Heidi.

'Red!' replies Chloe.

'No, they are not, they are white!' says Heidi.

'They are not white, they are red!' says Chloe. 'White,' snaps back Heidi.

'No, they aren't!'

'Yes, they are!'

'No, they aren't!'

'Yes, they are!'

Chloe is angry and so is Heidi.

Now they don't even want to play together.

Chloe is cooking lunch for Polka-dot doll.

Heidi is building a house for Ruffles the dog.

Chloe looks at the cottage. How nice it would be to take Polka-dot doll to visit her friend!

Heidi eyes the little kitchen. How nice it would be to cook lunch for Ruffles!

It's much better to play together than to quarrel.

'Heidi, have you ever seen a real fox?' asks Chloe.

'Not yet,' answers Heidi, 'how about you?'

'Me neither,' says Chloe. 'But I'd really love to. Foxes don't come into town, though. They live in the forest.'

'Then let's go to the forest!' says Heidi, 'let's see what colour a fox's tail really is!'

'Great idea!' agrees Chloe, 'and let's invite Perry, too. Yay! We are going on a trip this weekend!'

## Chloe at the Safari Park

At the weekend, Chloe packs drinks, sandwiches, an apple and a carrot into her little backpack.

She is going on a trip with her friends to the Safari Park!

The Safari Park is in a forest and many different animals live there behind big fences.

Chloe, Heidi and Perry meet in the car park next to the Safari Park. They've all brought their backpacks.

Heidi loves horses and Perry loves cars. Heidi has put bananas in her pack, Perry has put some cake in his.

In the first cage there are deer and rabbits grazing. One of the rabbits hops over to the fence.

'Well, hello there!' Chloe says to it, 'fancy some carrot to nibble on?'

Of course, it does! It thinks carrot is delicious.

In the next cage there are some wild boars, grunting away.

The largest boar has a black back and white tusks. He is the daddy boar.

Five little pigs with striped backs are trotting along behind the mummy boar.

Chloe would love to stroke them, but they won't come to the fence.

Perry likes the deer. They have enormous antlers!

Perry offers the stag a carrot, but it runs away.

What is this huge animal called? It's so big that it frightens Heidi.

But the buffalo is a gentle beast. It wants a carrot too!

'When will we see the fox?' asks Chloe.

'Patience! We'll be there soon' whispers Polka-dot doll.

But the fox's cage is empty! Perhaps it's the fox is hiding?

There is a message on the wall: [illustration contains the word "dear"]

DEAR VISITORS! THE FOX IS ILL, SO WE'VE TAKEN IT TO THE VET'S. IT WILL BE BACK SOON.

Chloe is sad. She really wanted to meet it.

Perry comforts her. 'It will definitely be here next time we come!'

'Perry, do you know what colour a fox's tail is?' Asks Heidi.

[illustration contains the word "fox"]

'It's red, but the end of the tail is white!' says Perry.

The girls look at each other and laugh. Then both of them were right!

'Write it a letter!' says Heidi, 'then he'll get better quicker!'

Chloe likes the idea. At home she takes out her coloured pencils and writes a letter to the fox.

Dear Fox,

I hope  
you get better  
quickly,  
and that I can  
visit again soon  
Chloe

[illustration contains the word Chloe with the letter 'C' turned about] Chloe

They put the letter in the window. Maybe the birds will take it to the animal hospital for us!

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