

# Zoo Animals: Where Opposites Meet

Welcome to the exciting world of zoo animals, little explorer! Did you know that at the zoo, you can see a lot of different animals that are very different from each other? Let's find out how these animals are like and unlike each other by learning about opposites!

## 1. Big and Small

At the zoo, you can see the big **elephants** and the tiny **hamsters**. Elephants are huge and weigh a lot, while hamsters are so small that they can fit in your hand! Isn't it fun to compare how different animals can be?

## 2. Fast and Slow

Some animals are really fast, like the **cheetah**, which can run super quickly! But other animals, like the **sloth**, move very slowly. Cheetahs can chase their food, while sloths take their time. Isn't that interesting?

## 3. Nocturnal and Diurnal

Some zoo animals are active at night, like **owls**, and we call them *nocturnal*. Other animals, like **lions** and **monkeys**, are awake during the day, which we call *diurnal*. It's like a big game of hide and seek!

## 4. Predators and Prey

In the zoo, you'll find **lions**, which are predators. They hunt for food. But you will also see animals like **zebras**, which are prey, meaning they try to escape from predators. This balance in nature is so important!

## 5. Fur and Scales

Some animals, like **polar bears** and **kangaroos**, have fur to keep them warm. Others, like **snakes** and **lizards**, have scales. These scales help protect them. Isn't nature amazing with all its different textures?

## Conclusion

The zoo is like a big wonderful place where opposites meet. We learned about how different animals can be in size, speed, activity, and even in what covers their bodies. Next time you visit the zoo, try to find these opposites! Have fun exploring!