

African Safari Adventure

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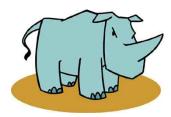


Kit and Matthew began their African safari at the watering hole. They had two days to see all the wildlife they could. Their parents and the guide kept them safe.

The first morning ten elephants claimed the waterhole for their morning bath. Soon Kit counted eighteen zebras



coming for water. A dozen baboons wandered in and started making noise and acting silly. Matthew laughed hard and loud at their antics. His noise sent five zebras running off.



The next day everyone rode into the bush. They paused to look at a lone rhino standing in a clearing. While they were looking, the rhino began to charge them. Kit and Matthew screamed, but the guide drove them to safety.

Further on they found a pride of eight lions dozing under an acacia tree. Above the lions played twenty-two monkeys in the tree.

Matthew and Kit saw a giraffe with a baby standing beside a tree. The giraffe stretched to reach its food with its tongue. A trio of jackals moved nearby to threaten them. The jackals ran out of sight when the jeep came too close to them.

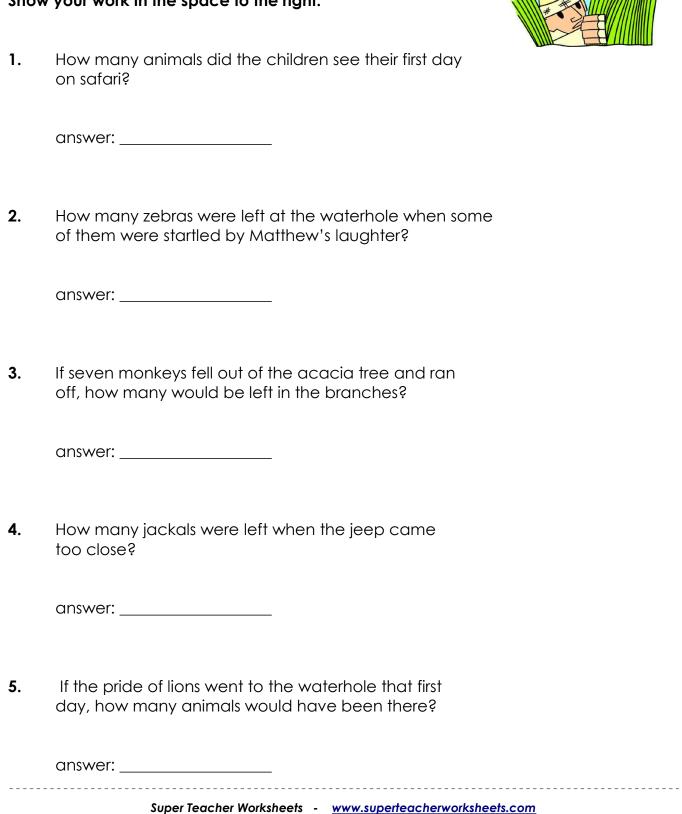
Everyone was tired. They'd seen no leopards, or hyenas, or cheetahs. Lions hadn't roared, but a rhino had threatened them. What an exciting adventure they had!

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African Safari Bar Graph

Number of animals seen: elephants - _____ zebras - _____ baboons rhinos lions monkeys - _____ giraffes jackals graph title: 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 elephants

ANSWER KEY

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Use information from the story to answer the questions. Show your work in the space to the right.

1. How many animals did the children see their first day on safari?

10 elephants + 18 zebras + 12 baboons = 40 animals

answer: 40 animals

2. How many zebras were left at the waterhole when some of them were startled by Matthew's laughter?

18 zebras - 5 zebras = 13 zebras

answer: 13 zebras

3. If seven monkeys fell out of the acacia tree and ran off, how many would be left in the branches?

22 monkeys - 7 monkeys = 15 monkeys

answer: 15 monkeys

4. How many jackals were left when the jeep came too close?

3 jackals - 3 jackals = 0 jackals

answer: <u>0 jackals</u>

5. If the pride of lions went to the waterhole that first day, how many animals would have been there?

40 animals + 8 lions = 48 animals

answer: 48 animals

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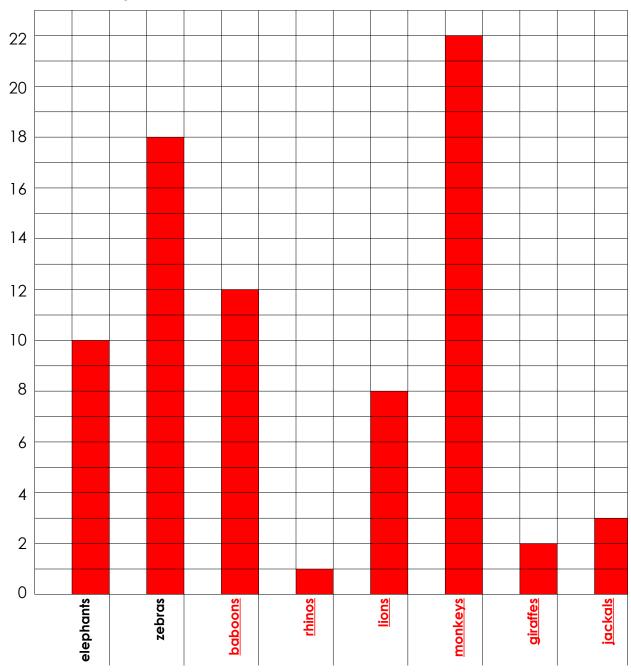
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rhinos - 1 lions - 8 monkeys - 22

giraffes - 2 jackals - 3

graph title: Animals Seen by Kit and Matthew



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