

A lion ate my homework!

Beatrice is a 12 year old girl. She is bespectacled. Her glasses are round which matches her round face. Beatrice has long curly brown hair and she always ties it in a ponytail. Beatrice is 135 centimeters tall and she is one of the tallest students in our class. She is also very thin and lanky.

Beatrice likes many colours. She likes to wear her pink watch to school. Beatrice also has many colourful dresses and blouses but the one that she loves the most is her yellow coloured blouse with a dog imprint on its front. She even has a pair of striking purple shoes!

Beatrice loves animals. She has a fluffy Siamese cat, two mischievous hamsters, a brown rabbit, three turtles, many fish and a friendly Poodle as her pets. One afternoon, when her parents told her that they were bringing her to the zoo the next day, she was so thrilled! Coincidentally, the teacher had asked the class to write about the zoo so she planned to bring her homework along with her.

Beatrice could hardly sleep that night. Her sleep was filled with pleasant dreams of all the animals that she would be seeing and touching at the zoo. She woke up at 5:00 am because she was too excited. Finally, the time has come and they set off at 8:00 am. Upon reaching the zoo, Beatrice's dad quickly bought the tickets and they entered the zoo. Beatrice was surprised that the zoo was so huge and spacious but clean. The plants and trees were artistically landscaped.

The first few animals that they saw were the giraffes, zebras and goats. The animals were in a big open ground cage. The giraffes were munching the leaves slowly but steadily. The zebras and goats were roaming and some running around happily.

Next, they saw the monkeys. Some monkeys were swinging from branch to branch some were eating their bananas oblivious to their surroundings. There were even some monkeys fighting for food!

Beatrice and her family then moved on to see the snakes. There were many types of snakes including the cobras and pythons. Some snakes were slithering around the cage and others were coiling lazily on the branches.

It was almost lunch time, when Beatrice and her family finished exploring the snake cages. They all felt very hungry and proceeded to the nearest restaurant, Kentucky Fried Chicken, her favourite. Beatrice ran in as fast as lightning and ordered the food together with her dad. The food was really delicious and tasty.

After lunch, Beatrice and her family finally went to see the ferocious lion. The king of the jungle, or more like, the king of the zoo, roared loudly at Beatrice exhibiting his razor sharp teeth. Beatrice was so shocked that she lost grip of her homework that she was holding and it fell into the lion's cage. The lion mistook it as meat and munched on it hungrily. By the time Beatrice realized that the lion was eating up her homework, it was already too late. Only tiny pieces of the pages were left strewn on the floor of the cage. Beatrice was very upset about the incident and she cried. Her parents decided to leave the zoo and went home.

The next day, Beatrice woke up with red and swollen eyes because she had cried herself to sleep. She was afraid that her class teacher would scold her. During class, when the teacher asked the students to submit their homework, Beatrice stood up and told her teacher that a lion had eaten her homework. The teacher became angry because she thought that Beatrice had lied. Beatrice apologized again and again. She then explained the whole

story about the trip to the zoo with her parents. The teacher finally comprehended and excused her. Beatrice promised to submit her homework the very next day.

The teacher then asked Beatrice to retell her story to her classmates about how a lion ate her homework. Beatrice willingly acted the whole scene and the whole class laughed about it along with her. She felt much better after that knowing that her teachers and friends were very understanding and empathetic towards her. Her only hope is for the lion to not get a tummy ache after eating up her homework as she had used a lot of colourful ink on the pages!

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