

Did You Hear About

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: Pass out questions to the students. Question sheets should remain face-down on their desks while you read the text aloud to students. When you are finished, ask students to turn their questions sheets over and answer the questions.

A Day at the Zoo

Kenneth and his sister were spending the day at the zoo. Kenneth loved the zoo, but his sister did not, so all she did was complain. At the elephant enclosure, in the Reptile House, watching the seals through a glass wall as they swam and frolicked in the water, Betty complained. As they were walked along a wooded path between the Aviary and the Monkey House, Kenneth pointed up into the trees, hoping to distract and entertain her. "Look Betty. The monkeys are loose in the trees."

"They are not," Betty grumbled. But she looked up, and there, hanging from a nearby branch, looking back at her, was a monkey! Betty grabbed Kenneth's arm. "We have to complain!" she said. Kenneth laughed. "It's okay," he said. "The zoo knows they are up there. This is part of where they live. They aren't going anywhere, and they won't hurt you."

But Betty wasn't so sure. As they walked towards the Monkey House, the little monkey followed them, making his way through the tree tops. Betty kept looking up at him, and every time she did, the monkey would get very still and look back at her. "He's following us," she whispered to Kenneth. "Oh, he is not," Kenneth said. But he didn't really look at the monkey. He was just glad that Betty had stopped complaining.

A few minutes later, they stopped to get soft pretzels. Betty was about to take a big bite out of hers when suddenly the little monkey swung down from a nearby low-hanging branch, grabbed the pretzel right out of her hands, and disappeared back up into the trees. Betty called out to the pretzel vendor: "Call the zoo management. I have a complaint!"

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QUESTIONS: A Day at the Zoo

1. How do Kenneth and Betty feel about the zoo?
2. What does Betty keep doing?
3. What do they see in the trees?
4. Who does Betty see looking at her?
5. What does Betty want to do about what they see in the trees?
6. What does Kenneth notice that Betty has stopped doing?
7. What do they stop to get?
8. What is stolen from Betty?
9. What does Betty want to do about it?

