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# Stop: AFRICA

1.

## Lion

"The lion is the second largest cat, after the tiger. Unlike other cats, lions are very sociable, and they live in packs called prides. For lions to live in a particular area, there must be enough prey – ideally zebras and antelopes – for them there. The lioness does the hunting, as she is slimmer, faster and not encumbered by a heavy mane."

2.

## Fennec fox

"The large-eared predator called the fennec is the world's smallest fox. Do you know why their ears are so big? Well, it's because it uses them to keep cool in the hot desert! Fennecs are active mostly at night. They feed on small animals and eggs. They store food in hiding places for times of shortage, and they never forget where it is. By the way, Marianne, do you know where I put my glasses?"

10.

## Chimpanzee

"Wouldn't it be nice to have a monkey, Grandpa! Look how funny they are!" "Chimpanzees are very intelligent, too. Did you know that when collecting food and water they use the kind of simple tools humans used to? Sticks and stones, for instance. To keep your chimp well fed, you would have to supply him with fruit."

9.

## Bottlenose dolphin

"Look, Grandpa, a dolphin! Over there, leaping from the water!" "We find bottlenose dolphins in all warm oceans. They live in groups and prey on small fish. Unlike fish, they are not able to breathe underwater, which is why they swim and leap to the surface. Bottlenose dolphins are very clever. They are easy to tame and can be trained to perform various acrobatic feats."

8.

## Spotted hyena

"Someone here has got a very strange laugh, Grandpa!" "That's not a person, it's a hyena! Don't get too close to it. Although it feeds on carrion, it's a skilled hunter, and can be dangerous to humans. I certainly wouldn't want to get caught in its powerful jaws! Although hyenas aren't very likeable, they are very important for nature, as they keep the landscape clean of carrion."

Grandpa! I see a man with a cage. I'm going after him – maybe he's our smuggler.

Wait a moment, Marianne. That's no smuggler.



3.

## Dromedary

"You won't find a dromedary in the wild. They have long been domesticated, and people use them for the carrying of heavy loads in the desert. Camels don't sweat, as their temperature falls at night and rises during the day. Their hump contains a store of fat, which they consume when food is short."

4.

## Zebra

"Look over there, Grandpa. A whole herd of running zebras. How lovely they are!" "The configuration of their black and white stripes allows zebras to recognize one another. The stripes also help regulate the body temperature and are difficult for their predators to focus on. Zebras are herbivores, and they are big eaters!"

5.

## Hippopotamus

"Aren't hippos lucky, Grandpa! They can laze about in the water all day." "Yet they're one of Africa's most dangerous animals, as well as being one of its heaviest and largest. The hippo is a herbivore. It looks for food in the evening or early morning, and despite its great weight, it is quite capable of walking 10 kilometres. Hippos are noisy – they snort, grunt and roar."

6.

## Giraffe

"We are looking at the tallest animal on Earth, the giraffe. Its neck alone is two metres long, allowing it to graze on twigs and leaves from the tree-tops. Giraffes tolerate drought with ease. When a giraffe drinks, it must spread its front legs wide, making it very vulnerable. The giraffe's archenemy is the lion. The former defends itself against the latter with mighty blows from its hooves."

7.

## Ring-tailed lemur

"Lemurs are supreme in Madagascar, which they reached from continental Africa a long, long time ago, and where they continue to live happily in practically unchanged form. They move about nimbly over rocks and up and down trees, where they are great at jumping from branch to branch. Did you know that their stripy tail helps them communicate? When they are running in tall grass, the leader holds its distinctive appendage erect, so showing the direction."



**A**fter him, that man with the cage. I've been watching him since Africa. So Paw grabbed the man's trouser-leg. "We're arresting you for parrot-smuggling," cried Marianne. "Give me that cage!" "I most certainly will not! It contains a sick African sunbird, which I intend to make well again." Blushing with surprise, Marianne apologized and went on her way.

**W**e really messed that up, Paw." The dog's ears drooped in sorrow. But then he shot off under a nearby seat. "What have you found?" "He pulled out a dusty cuddly-toy cockatoo. Just then, a little boy sitting opposite burst into tears. "Mine!" he cried. "At least we've done a good deed," said Marianne. The train was approaching for the America stop.



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There's nothing like being taken by your grandfather on a journey around the world – to see some animals. Which is exactly what little Marianne does. Just board the train and your trip can begin! You'll meet giraffes, monkeys, tigers, penguins, scorpions, zebras, polar bears, reindeer, sharks and dolphins. And you'll discover that there's a smuggler aboard, with a rare parrot in his possession. Join the detective and help him track down the villain, just as Marianne does – and her quest is filled with adventure! There are stops on every continent of the world. So if you want to learn about interesting animals and keep your eyes well peeled, come and join us. That smuggler mustn't get away!

Let's know the animals from the whole **WORLD!**

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