

# LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO

## CREATE AN ANIMAL TALK

**Talking to visitors about our animals and conservation work is very important.**

It means we can share lots of stories and get people to think about conservation and how they can get involved.

Use this worksheet to create your very own animal talk.

### STEP 1: Choose an animal to focus on

This might be your favourite animal at the zoo or even an animal you want to know more about.

### STEP 2: Think about what you would like your family and friends to learn at your talk.

- Amazing facts about animals and their habitats
- Threats to animals
- Actions they can do to help
- How Chester Zoo is helping

### STEP 3: Time to research your animal

There are lots of places with information about animals including books, documentaries and the zoo website. We have lots of fact files to help too!

### STEP 4: Is there a Chester Zoo campaign linked to your animal that you can talk about?

- Sustainable Palm Oil
- Wildlife Connections
- Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Sing for Songbirds

### STEP 5: Decide how long your talk will be.

Think about how you will structure your talk and how long it will be. You will need an introduction, main talk and conclusion.



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STEP 6: Write your talk.

**Introduction:**

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**Main Talk:**

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**Conclusion:**

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If you need a little help, our Zoo Rangers have put together some top facts for some of their favourite animals!



## Elephants

- Our family of Asian Elephants are called the Hi-way family.
- There are two different kinds of elephants, Asian and African. Asian elephants have smaller ears.
- Elephants are very sociable animals and mothers stay with their young for several years.
- Elephants face many threats in the wild. This includes hunting, human animal conflict, habitat loss and disease.



## Meerkats

- A group of meerkats is called a mob.
- Meerkats come from Africa and live in hot desert like habitats.
- Meerkats are excellent burrowers; they use these burrows to protect themselves from the heat and predators.
- The role of the sentry is to look out for predators whilst the rest of the mob forage for food.



## Penguins

- The penguins at Chester Zoo are Humboldt penguins, which come from Peru and Chile.
- Penguins are a bit of a strange bird because they are flightless!
- Penguins are fantastic swimmers! They are streamlined and very quick, faster than the fastest human in water!
- Penguins swallow fish whole, so they actually turn them around and swallow them head first – that way they don't get any scales or fins stuck in their throats!

**Now it's time to put your talk into action. If you are planning a trip to Chester Zoo why not take your talk along and impress your friends and family.**

We'd love to hear your talks.  
Share your talks with us on Twitter @LearnatCZ