

Please Do Not Feed the Animals

A radio drama

Characters:

Zookeeper: *a kind, patient guide for Hong Kong Zoo*

Jo: *a student*

Sam: *a naughty student who tries to feed the animals*

Parker: *a student*

All students: *everybody in the class!*

Sound Effects:

- Monkey sounds
- Monkeys happily playing and eating
- Many monkeys getting angry
- Birds calling

Scene 1

Zookeeper: Good morning children! Welcome to Hong Kong Zoo!

All students: Good morning!

Zookeeper: My name is Jordan and I am a zookeeper here at Hong Kong Zoo. I see we have a question. Yes?

Sam: Hello I am Sam. What is a zookeeper?

Zookeeper: A zookeeper is someone who cares for animals in a zoo. We give them food, water, wash them and also make sure they are safe and happy. Oh another question. Yes?

Jo: My name is Jo. Did a tiger ever eat you before?

Zookeeper: *(laughing)* No. We never get close to the tigers. Tigers look cute but they are dangerous. Any more questions?

Parker: Hello, my name is Parker. Can I please give my lunch to the tigers?

Zookeeper: *(laughing)* Sorry Parker, tigers have to eat a special lunch. You cannot feed the animals today.

Sam: What about a sandwich?

Zookeeper: Sorry, no feeding! It might be bad for the animals.

Parker: *(whispering)* I brought some chocolate and a mango for the tiger.

Jo: *(whispering)* I brought a cha siu bao for the dolphin.

Sam: *(whispering)* I brought a cheeseburger for the monkeys.

Zookeeper: Remember class, I need you to stick together. Hold hands! Do not give food to the animals. Do not feed the animals!

All students: Do not feed the animals!

Zookeeper: Follow me to see the monkeys.

Scene 2

Sound effect: *monkeys playing together*

Zookeeper: Welcome to the monkey house!

Sound effect: *monkeys*

Parker: Wow! They are so fast.

Jo: They are so strong

Sam: They are so clever.

Zookeeper: You are all right! They are very clever, fast and strong. Now, who can tell me? What do monkeys like to eat?

Sam: Cheeseburgers?

Zookeeper: No, sorry!

Jo: Bananas!

Zookeeper: That's right, monkeys love to eat bananas.

Sam: But maybe they like cheeseburgers?

Zookeeper: Sorry, we do not feed the animals cheeseburgers. Look here comes a monkey. I am going to feed it a banana.

Sound effect: *a monkey making sounds and eating*

All students: oooooh!

Sam: *(whispering)* Let's see if he wants a cheeseburger. *(shouting)* Hey Mr Monkey come and try this.

Zookeeper: *(shouting)* No! Do not feed the animals!

Sound effects: *Monkey sounds get louder. More monkeys come.*

Jo: *(scared)* Oh no! So many monkeys!

Parker: They are going crazy.

Zookeeper: Put that food away! Do not feed the animals.

Sam: I'm scared.

Zookeeper: Put the food away.

Sam: I'm trying!

Jo: I have a monkey on my head!

Sam: I have a monkey on my school bag!

Sound effects: *Monkeys calling crazily*

Parker: Help!

Zookeeper: Everybody stay still! Don't move!

Sound effects: *The monkey sounds slowly get quieter.*

Parker: *(whispering)* Phew! That was scary.

Sam: Shhhh!

Zookeeper: *(whispering)* Class, we need to leave the monkey house now. Slowly and quietly follow me please.

Parker: *(whispering)* ok!

Sam: *(whispering)* ok!

Jo: *(whispering)* ok!

Scene 3

Sound effects: *birds calling*

Zookeeper: Class, is everybody safe?

All students: Yes!

Sam: I am so sorry!

Zookeeper: We have to remember: do not feed the animals.

Parker: I didn't know they would go crazy!

Zookeeper: Exactly. If you don't know then don't do it. That was dangerous.

Sam: I am so sorry!

Zookeeper: It is ok. We can continue the tour. We are going to look at the beautiful birds. But, please, do not feed them.

Jo: I promise not to feed them my cha siu bao.

Sam: Me too!

Parker: Me too!

Zookeeper: Great! Let's go and see the birds!

Sound effect: *birds calling*

The End