A Day at the Zoo

Japanese · elementary · kids zoo · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids zoo. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	しゅうまつ どうぶつえんに いきます。 Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu.	On the weekend I go to the zoo.	excitedly walking through the colorful entrance gates on a sunny Saturday
2	キリンの くびは とても ながいです。 Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu.	The giraffe's neck is very long.	looking up in awe at the tall yellow giraffe reaching high leaves
3	さるが きに のぼります。 Saru ga ki ni noborimasu.	Monkeys climb up trees.	watching energetic brown monkeys swinging and climbing between tall leafy branches
4	かわいい ペンギンが います。 Kawaii pengin ga imasu.	There are cute penguins.	smiling at adorable little penguins waddling along the cool water edge
5	ライオンと ぞうが います。 Raion to zou ga imasu.	There are lions and elephants.	discovering majestic roaring lions and gentle giant elephants together
6	おおきい ぞうを みます。 Ookii zou o mimasu.	I see a big elephant.	admiring the huge gray elephant flapping its ears peacefully
7	どうぶつえんに いきます。 Doubutsuen ni ikimasu.	I go to the zoo.	holding hands on a cheerful fun family outing to visit the animals
8	きに のぼります。 Ki ni noborimasu.	Climb up trees.	scampering quickly up the trunk to sit on a leafy branch

NEW WORDS (9)

raion ライオン
lion

saru さる
monkey

kirin キリン
giraffe

pengin ペンギン
penguin

doubutsuen どうぶつえん
zoo

shuumatsu しゅうまつ
weekend

kubi くび
neck

nagai ながい
long

noborimasu のぼります
climb

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

ra

i

o

n

sa

ru

[REVIEW]

Ushi wa noujou de kusa o tabemasu!

Cows eat grass on the farm!

Uma ga harappa o hashirimasu!

Horses run through the meadow!

Noujou ni niwatori ga takusan imasu!

There are many chickens on the farm!

Buta wa noujou de asobimasu!

Pigs play on the farm!

[VERSE 1]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

shuumatsu

weekend

doubutsuen

zoo

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

I go to the zoo!

Doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

I go to the zoo!

[CHORUS]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!
On the weekend I go to the zoo!
Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!
The giraffe's neck is very long!
Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!
The giraffe's neck is very long!

[VERSE 2]

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!
The giraffe's neck is very long!
kirin
giraffe
kubi
neck
nagai
long
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[CHORUS]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!
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[VERSE 3]

Saru ga ki ni noborimasu!
Monkeys climb up trees!

saru

monkey

noborimasu

climb

Saru ga ki ni noborimasu!

Monkeys climb up trees!

Ki ni noborimasu!

Climb up trees!

Ki ni noborimasu!

Climb up trees!

[CHORUS]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!

The giraffe's neck is very long!

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!

The giraffe's neck is very long!

[VERSE 4]

Raion to zou ga imasu!

There are lions and elephants!

raion

lion

pengin

penguin

Raion to zou ga imasu!

There are lions and elephants!

Kawaii pengin ga imasu!

There are cute penguins!

Kawaii pengin ga imasu!

There are cute penguins!

Ookii zou o mimasu!

I see a big elephant!

Ookii zou o mimasu!

I see a big elephant!

[CHORUS]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

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The giraffe's neck is very long!

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!

The giraffe's neck is very long!

[RECAP]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!

Saru ga ki ni noborimasu!

Raion, saru, zou, kirin, pengin!

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

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