MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

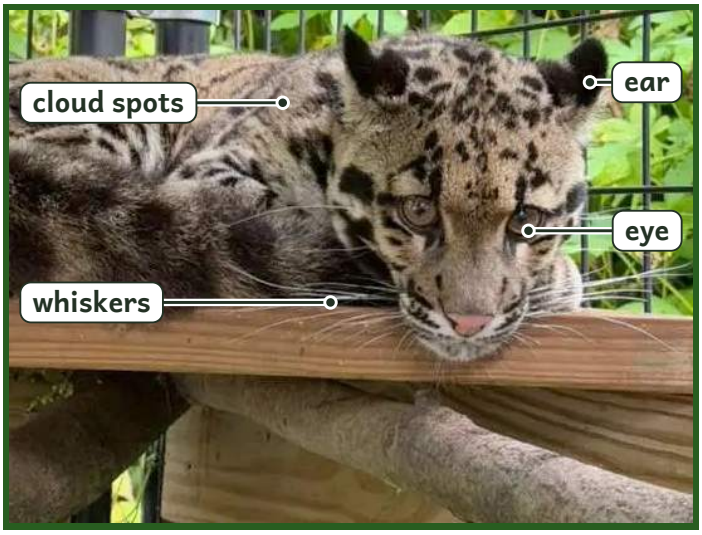
CLOUDED LEOPARD

Neofelis nebulosa

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A clouded leopard rests at our zoo.

Its body

Its coat has spots like clouds.
Its long tail helps it balance.
Its big paws grip branches.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in Asia.
It lives in forests.
Saving forests helps it.
Clouded leopards live at our zoo.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It hunts monkeys and deer.
It eats birds too.
It has very long teeth for its size.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is a **cub**.
A cub stays in a nest at first.
It leaves the nest at about 5 weeks.

Fun facts

It can climb down a tree **headfirst**!
It cannot roar.
It growls and hisses instead.

Words to know

balance: to stay steady and not fall
cub: a baby clouded leopard
headfirst: with its head going first

Talk about it

1. How does a long tail help it?
2. Where does a clouded leopard live?
3. What sounds can it make?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/clouded-leopard/ · **Sources:** Smithsonian National Zoo; Denver Zoo; IUCN Red List; NCBS
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CLOUDED LEOPARD

Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. Its coat has cloud shapes. **YES** **NO**
2. A clouded leopard can roar. **YES** **NO**
3. It can climb down a tree headfirst. **YES** **NO**
4. It eats only fruit. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ cloud spots
- ☐ big paws
- ☐ ears
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ whiskers
- ☐ long teeth

What is it doing? Circle one.

climbing · resting · watching

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a clouded leopard climbing down a tree.

Draw here

This cat has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular clouded leopard sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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