MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

LLAMA

Lama glama

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Fast facts

FAMILY	Camelidae
DIET	Plants
ORIGIN	Andes, South America
YOUNG	Cria



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Did you know?

- Llamas are domesticated descendants of guanacos.
- South American camelids have no hump.
- Each foot has two padded toes.
- Llamas chew cud.
- A baby llama is called a cria.

Words to know

Camelid: A member of the camel family.
Herbivore: An animal that eats plants.
Cria: A young llama.
Domesticated: Changed over generations through life with people.

Think about it

1. Which family includes llamas?
2. How many toes does a llama have on each foot?
3. What is a cria?
4. Name two ways llamas communicate.
5. How does a mother feed her cria?

Draw it

Draw a llama. Label its ears, muzzle, neck and padded feet. Explain how one structure helps it.

Where people first raised it



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Before and after your visit

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Before you visit · 5 minutes

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Predict: where did people first raise this animal?

Circle one:

Africa | Asia | Australia | Europe | North America | South America

2. Predict: what does it eat?

☐ plants ☐ other animals ☐ both

3. Word hunt: find these words on page 1. Put a check by each one you already know.

☐ Camelid ☐ Herbivore ☐ Cria ☐ Domesticated

Pick one word and write what it means in your own words:

_____

_____

4. My question: one thing I want to find out when I see the llama.

_____

_____

At the zoo · look closely

Watch for one minute. What is it doing?

☐ resting ☐ eating ☐ moving ☐ watching ☐ with others

Draw or describe one body part that helps it survive, and say how it helps.

Draw here

After your visit · talk it over

1. Check your prediction. Where it was first raised: Andes, South America. Was your guess right?

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ partly

2. Diet check. The fact sheet says: Plants. What did you learn about how it finds or eats food?

_____

_____

3. Discuss with a partner, then write your best answer.

• How many toes does a llama have on each foot?

_____

_____

• What is a cria?

_____

_____

4. Exit ticket.

One thing I learned: _____

One thing I still wonder: _____

ADJUST IT

Grades K–2: talk and draw instead of writing; read the questions aloud. **Grades 6–8:** add evidence from the fact sheet and the animal page to every answer.

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