MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

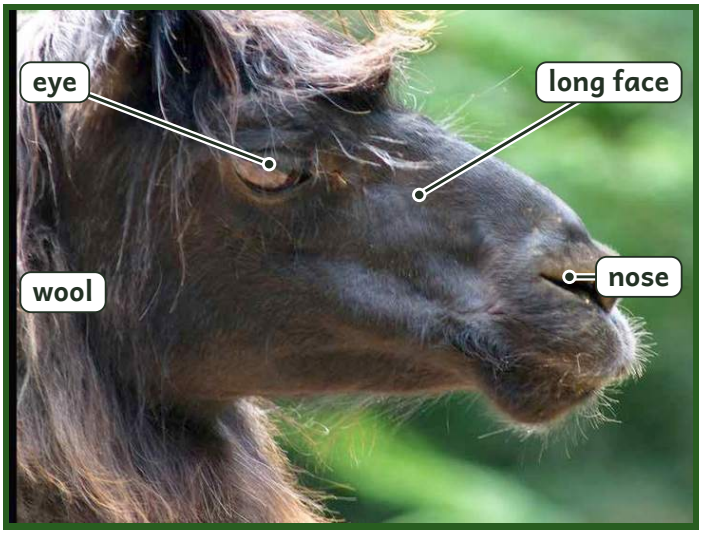
LLAMA

Lama glama

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 close look at a llama at our zoo.

Its body

A llama has a long face.
Its ears are shaped like bananas!
Its wool is very soft.
It has no hump.

Its home (habitat)

Llamas come from South America.
They first lived in the Andes.
Llamas live at our zoo.



First raised here ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats plants.
It brings food back up to chew again.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby llama is a **cria**.
It stands soon after it is born.
It drinks its mother's milk.
A mother and cria may hum.

Fun facts

Each foot has 2 padded toes.
Llamas talk with their ears and hums.

Words to know

cria: a baby llama
wool: the soft hair on a llama
Andes: tall mountains in South America

Talk about it

1. What shape are a llama's ears?
2. How do a mother and cria talk to each other?
3. How do llamas talk to each other?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/llama/ · **Sources:** Animal Diversity Web; Oklahoma State University Extension; Kadwell et al. (2001).
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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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. A llama has soft wool. **YES** **NO**
2. A llama has a big hump. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby llama is a cria. **YES** **NO**
4. Llamas eat meat. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ long face
- ☐ banana ears
- ☐ soft wool
- ☐ padded toes
- ☐ eyes
- ☐ nose

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · walking · watching · resting

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a llama with banana ears. Add a cria.

Draw here

A llama 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 llama 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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