



A TIGER'S JOURNEY

ROADSIDE ZOO TO the CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE

At the start of this lesson, I teach, remind or review the fact that there are roadside zoos throughout the United States. The purpose of these zoos is for business and income only, not the genuine care and concern for the animals. Those that run the roadside zoos charge people who stop to see the animals. They are not accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

Now for the lesson!

1. Tell the storyline: "The tiger has a flashback/dream of when he/she was at a roadside zoo in miserable conditions. The story tells how the tiger is brought to the Carolina Tiger Rescue where it is taken very good care of."
2. Show the five sections of the story:
 1. Sounds heard from the roadside zoo
 2. The tiger wakes from a dream in his comfortable home.
 3. Tiger's birth and roadside zoo
 4. The tiger gets sick
 5. The tiger is brought to the Carolina Tiger Rescue and taken care of.

Now to write!

Guide the children through the following steps so their story is organized and complete. They are free to write these ideas in their own words.

3. Leave the top line open to write a title later.
4. Start the story with something the tiger hears every day in his life at the roadside zoo. (e.g. *"Five dollars! Five dollars! Live tiger photos!"* or *Vroom. Screech. Vroom. Vroom. "10 dollars to see live tigers"* or *"Look! Tiger!" Flash! Flash! Flash!*)
5. (Name the tiger) woke up. Describe his comfortable home.
6. (Time ago) (Tiger's name) was born and taken to a roadside zoo.
7. Explain the terrible conditions such as barren cages, being underfed and having bad shelter.
8. Describe the incident when he got very sick and there was no proper vet care.
9. Explain how he arrived to the Carolina Tiger Rescue.
10. Describe the positive care, enough food, enrichment activities and great veterinarian care at the Carolina Tiger Rescue.
11. Conclude with the tiger's happiness.

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