

# Zz



## Storytelling – Big Letter Z and Zebra

One day, Big Letter Z heard someone crying when he was walking down the street. It was Zebra.

‘I am lost! I cannot find my way home!’ cried Zebra. ‘Where do you live?’ Big Letter Z asked Zebra. ‘I live in the zoo,’ said Zebra. ‘I know where the zoo is. Follow me,’ said Big Letter Z.

‘Let’s cross the road using the zebra crossing,’ said Big Letter Z. Zebra couldn’t wait and he tried to cross the road. Big Letter Z saw a car coming and cried, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra couldn’t hear Big Letter Z, so Big Letter Z shouted again, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra stopped as he heard Big Letter Z and saw a car coming. ‘We should look carefully before we cross the road using the zebra crossing,’ said Big Letter Z. They looked to the left, and looked to the right, and then crossed the road.

They walked and walked, there was another zebra crossing. ‘Let’s cross the road again,’ said Big Letter Z. Zebra couldn’t wait and he tried to cross the road. Big Letter Z saw a taxi coming and cried, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra couldn’t hear Big Letter Z, so Big Letter Z shouted again, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra stopped as he heard Big Letter Z and saw a taxi coming. ‘We should look carefully before we cross the road using the zebra crossing,’ said Big Letter Z. They looked to the left, and looked to the right, and then crossed the road.

They walked and walked, and saw the zoo across the road. ‘It’s the zoo! Let’s cross the road,’ said Big Letter Z. Zebra couldn’t wait and he tried to cross the road. Big Letter Z saw a bus coming and cried, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra couldn’t hear Big Letter Z, so Big Letter Z shouted again, ‘**Wait! Zebra!**’ Zebra stopped as he heard Big Letter Z and saw a bus coming. ‘We should look carefully before we cross the road using the zebra crossing,’ said Big Letter Z. They looked to the left, and looked to the right, and then crossed the road.

Finally, Big Letter Z and Zebra arrived at the zoo and Zebra was happy to be back. ‘Thank you for bringing me back to the zoo, Big Letter Z,’ said Zebra. ‘You’re welcome, Zebra,’ said Big Letter Z.



### Extended activity related to the story

- Art-and-craft activity: Decorating the letter Z
  - Give each child a template of the letter Z.
  - Guide children to name the letter Z and guide them to trace the letter Z on the template.
  - Guide children to decorate the letter Z template with some zebra cutouts by following the stroke order of the letter Z.



## Real-life experience activity – A catwalk party

- Tell children that we are going to have a catwalk party at school.
- Introduce the character Small Letter z (a stick puppet) to children.
- Tell children that Small Letter z loves zebras and he can teach us how to make a zebra costume for the party.
- Invite Small Letter z to demonstrate how to make a zebra costume.
- Invite children to make a zebra costume together by guiding them to:
  - take a big white plastic bag.
  - cut three holes for the head and arms to get through.
  - use black markers to draw black stripes on the plastic bag.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: zebra, zebra costume.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., zebra, zebra costume).
- Ask children to invite Small Letter z to our catwalk party after each child has finished making his/her own zebra costume.
- Invite children to put on the zebra costume and walk on the catwalk stage.
- Guide children to thank Small Letter z for teaching us to make a zebra costume.

## Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Visiting Hong Kong Park/Hong Kong Wetland Park/Ocean Park
- Crossing the road at a zebra crossing with children
- Art-and-craft activity: Making a miniature zoo
  - Invite children to decide what animals to include in the miniature zoo.
  - Set up the areas for different animals with art paper/art materials and create a signage for each area (e.g., z for zebra).
  - Colour the cutouts of the animals (e.g., zebra, bear, elephant, gorilla, giraffe, lion, monkey, panda, tiger).
  - Allocate the animal cutouts to the designated areas.
  - Decorate the miniature zoo by putting other cutouts such as trees, flowers, grass, etc.
- Making a zebra craft
  - Give each child a zebra-shaped cutout with four finger holes.
  - Invite children to add the following for the zebra on both sides: stripes, an eye, an ear, a nose and a mouth.



## Suggested books



### Book Title

1. *Dear Zoo*
2. *Peek-a-Zoo!*
3. *Play Hide & Seek with Zebra*
4. *Put Me In The Zoo*
5. *Zeely Zebra*
6. *Zero*

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