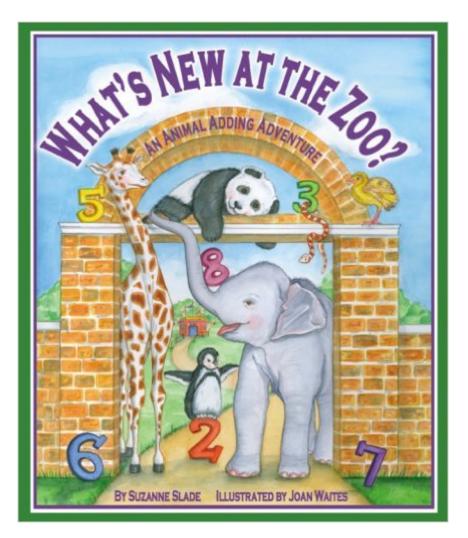
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# What's New At The Zoo? An Animal Adding Adventure





# Synopsis

Come along on an adding animal adventure. Add baby animals to the adults to see how many there are all together. And while you are at it, learn what some of the zoo animals eat or what the baby animals are called. Follow the little lost red balloon as it soars through the zoo. At the end of the day, count up all the animals you have seen. The For Creative Minds educational section includes: How many animals do you see?, Tens make friends, Adding by columns, Fact families, Food for thought, Animal matching activity, and Animal classes.

# **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"What's New At The Zoo? An Animal Adding Adventure" is a children's animal/adding book by Suzanne Slade with an added educational bonus. In addition to eleven special animal addition pages and problems, there are creative activity pages with suggestions for related games and tasks at the end of the book, including addition methods explanations, Fact Families about related numbers, and animal matching activities. These last four pages can be duplicated to use as teaching materials along with the book. Aimed at children ages 4-8, "What's New At The Zoo?" tackles a beginning math curriculum with fun-filled humour and interest. Full page color illustrations by Joan Waites richly enhances the text for young children.

In her book, WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO, Suzanne Slade uses clever rhyming verse to make

learning about animal families and addition loads of fun and Joan Waites' darling illustrations add to the charm! In addition (pun intended), there is a four-page, educational section in the back of the book that can be photocopied for instructional use. As a mother, I know my sons would have loved this book when they were younger and I look forward to reading it to future grandchildren (way in the future, please). As a teacher, can't wait to read it to my students - what a fantastic teaching tool! As a writer, I admire the way Suzanne incorporates science and math facts in an adorable story - not an easy feat!

What's New at the Zoo? takes the reader on an animal adding adventure. This learning zoo adventure begins: "Two hungry pandas eat a bamboo lunch. One cub joins the meal. How many crunch and munch? 2 + 1 = ?" Through delightful rhyming text and numerals Ms. Slade creates a wonderfully engaging learning experience for children. Each page offers a new addition problem. Within the rhyming text Ms. Slade cleverly weaves information about animals and the names of the baby animals pictured. Did you know that a baby mammoth boa is called a neonate? But that's not all: the illustrations are striking - they are vivid, realistic and elaborate. Children will love reading this entertaining and educational picture book, in fact, they may not even realize they're learning in the process. An added feature to this book is the "For Creative Minds" and "Animal Matching Activity" educational section in the back. It offers additional math problems and solutions as well as information on the animals mentioned in the book. It also explains the differences in the animal classes: mammals, birds and reptiles, and asks the reader to put each of the animals shown within the book into their correct class. I read this book to my three-year-old grand son. He said his favorite part was the picture with the peacocks. I then had my eight-year-old great nephew read it to me while answering the addition questions. They both enjoyed this book as will all children within the intended age group and even those a little younger. I highly recommend What's New at the Zoo?About the author: Suzanne Slade is the author of over 60 books for children. Her works include picture books, and biographies, as well as many non-fiction titles about animals, sports, insects, planets, and various science topics. During an earlier engineering career, she worked on Delta rockets and designed automotive braking systems. Ms. Slade lives near Chicago with her husband, two children, and their tiny dog, Corduroy. About the illustrator: Joan Waites spent 15 years as a neo-natal intensive care nurse prior to studying illustration and launching her freelance career. In addition to What's New at the Zoo? Joan has illustrated nearly 40 books for the educational and trade marketplace. She is also an adjunct member of The Corcoran Museum School of Arts and Design in Washington, DC, where she teaches various children's classes for the college's Aspiring

Artists programs.Reviewed by Karen Cioffi-Ventrice: Freelance writer and reviewer for BookPleasures.

Reviewed by: Wayne Walkerlf you have two hungry pandas that are eating a bamboo lunch and they are joined by one cub, how many pandas are there to crunch and munch? Children love to look at pictures of animals, so this book is a wonderful way to introduce them both to the animals themselves, including elephants, pea fowl, monkeys, boas, brown bears, kangaroos, zebras, giraffes, penguins, and fruit bats, and to basic adding facts too!Suzanne Slade's rhyming text combines with Joan Waites's realistic illustrations to take youngsters on a trip through the zoo not only to learn all about the animals but also to count them. As usual with Sylvan Dell books, four pages in the back have more information in the "For Creative Minds" section, which includes more material on addition and an animal matching activity. There are also related websites, interactive quizzes, and teaching activities on Sylvan Dell's website to help parents and teachers. What's New at the Zoo is certainly an animal adding adventure.

My kindergarteners enjoyed this book. Fun way to discuss addition.

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