

### Reading Passage - Standard Four

Read the passage at least three times. As you read:

- pay attention to punctuation
- read with expression
- try not to read too fast or too slowly
- try to pronounce the words correctly
- ask for help if you don't know the word

### Practise! Practise! Practise!

If you have difficulty with a word, try these strategies:

#### Decode It! Read It!



##### 1. Sound. Blend. Read

/b//r//ai//n/ or /br//ai//n/

##### 2. Chunk it (look for parts you know)

savannah sa/**van**/nah

##### 3. Break it up. Blend and Read

discover - dis/ cov/ er

##### 4. Flip the vowel sound

discover

dīs/ cōv/ er



dīs/ cōv/ er



##### 5. Root Words/Beginnings/Endings

reconnects

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## THE EMPEROR VALLEY ZOO

The Emperor Valley Zoo, is the largest zoo in Trinidad and Tobago. It is located North of the Queen's Park Savannah and West of the Botanical Gardens in Port of Spain.

The zoo was named after the large, blue Emperor butterfly. They were once found in the valley where the zoo is situated.

It was first opened on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1952. At that time, there were 10 cages with 127 animals. The animals were mainly indigenous species. It now has a collection of over 2300 animals and over 200 species.

The Emperor Valley Zoo provides housing, meals and recreation for animals. In recent times, the zoo has added new and interesting animals.

Some additions, such as the giraffes, zebras and Bengal tigers, are visitors' favourites. Children look forward to feeding the giraffes. Adults enjoy admiring the tigers. There is something for everyone to do at the zoo.



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Use these skills to assist you.

Sight Words	Phonics	Syllabication	Syllabication	Inflectional Endings	Compound Words
a	cages	a/dults	some/thing	added	every-one
and	children	ad/di/tions	spe/cies	additions	some-thing
and	favourites	ad/mir/ing	ti/gers	adults	
as	first	af/ter	To/ba/go	animals	
at	found	an/i/mals	Tri/ni/dad	favourites	
do	giraffes	Ben/gal	Val/ley	gardens	
has	look	Bo/ton/i/cal	vis/i/tors	giraffes	
in	meals	but/ter/fly	ze/bras	housing	
Is	named	ca/ges		interesting	
it	north	col/lec/tion		largest	
new	over	Em/per/or		located	
now	park	en/joy		mainly	
of	Port	eve/ry/one		meals	
on	Queen's	fa/vour/ites		named	
once	recent	feed/ing		opened	
some	Spain	for/ward		provides	
that	species	Gar/dens		situated	
the	such	gi/raffes		tigers	
there	time	hous/ing		times	
they	times	in/dig/en/ous		visitors	
to	west	in/ter/est/ing		zebras	
was	zebras	lar/gest			
were	zoo	main/ly			
where		No/vem/ber			
with		o/ver			
		pro/vides			
		re/cent			
		re/cre/a/tion			
		Sa/van/nah			
		sit/u/a/ted			

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