



Understanding numbers, units and measurements

Read the list aloud. Make sure you understand what the phrases mean. Now listen to the recording about the zoo twice and try to note down the relevant number and unit of measurement.

Listen again and check your answers with the text below.

- The number of visitors.....
- The price of entry to the zoo
- The temperature of the reptile house
- The length of the biggest snake
- The speed of Tony, the snake
- The speed of the penguins in water
- The width of the river
- The depth of the river
- How many penguins there are in total
- How loud the elephants are
- How many elephants there are.....
- The height of the elephants
- The weight of the elephants



Text

Welcome to your tour of the zoo! We're one of the biggest zoos in the country and we have around 1 million visitors every year. Today we have a special offer, and so the entry price is only £5.50.

The first exhibit we're going to see is the tropical reptile house. Reptiles are cold blooded, so this part of the zoo is kept at between 27 to 38 degrees celsius throughout the year. Our longest snake here is called Tony. He's a python, and he's 24 feet long. Although he's big he can't move very fast, he can only move at around one mile per hour.

Next we're going to cross the river to the penguin enclosure. This river was built to allow the penguins to swim freely. These penguins swim at around five miles per hour and they love to dive deep under the water. This river is 7 feet wide and 5 feet deep. Although we can only see about 10 penguins today, there are many more underwater, 26 in total.

We can hear the elephants already! They can make very loud noises with their trunks. This sound is often measured at over 100 decibels. All of our 15 elephants are African elephants: the biggest land mammals. They can reach three to four metres tall when fully grown and some of our elephants even weigh over 6,000 kilograms.