

Pre-k Choice Board



Listening

[Click here](#) to listen creative director of TIME for Kids, and his sidekick Rosie explore their imaginations and dream up fun things to sketch. In this episode learn about giraffes and sketch along with Drew and Rosie.



What did you learn? How is your drawing different from Drew's and Rosie's? "I learned that giraffes tongues are really long, 18-20 inches long. Rosie used purple to draw her giraffe, and Drew used blue to draw his giraffe. I used green to draw mine. I drew a really long neck and made sure to add spots all over the giraffes body."



Listening

[Click here](#) to learn about the Chinese language. There are thousands of languages in the world. More people speak Mandarin than any other language. Mandarin is a form of Chinese. Make sure to click the **READ ALOUD** link at the top of the page to listen to the article. What did you learn?

Characters	Chinese	Say It	English
你好	ni hao	nee how	hello
家	jia	jee-ah	home
朋友	peng you	pung yo	friend
学校	xue xiao	shueh shee-yow	school

What did you learn? "I learned, the Chinese language does not use letters. It uses characters, or symbols. Each symbol has its own meaning.- Ni Hao (nee how) is how you say hello in Chinese and jia (jee-ah) is how you say home."



Speaking

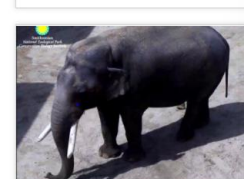
[Click here](#) to visit Smithsonian's National Zoo's website and check out the animal webcams. Explore the animals' habitats. What does the animal see? What are they doing? What might the animal think or feel? What might the animal care about? Discuss your observations with a family member or friend.



Cheetah Cub Cam



Lion Cam



Elephant Cam



Giant Panda Cam

"I clicked on each of the pictures and watched how the animals behave. My favorite one to watch was the lion. The lion was roaming around his space. I wonder if he was looking for food. I didn't see any other animals in the space with the lion. I wonder if he is lonely."



Speaking

[Click here](#) to listen to, Today I Am. A Bilingual read aloud in English and Mandarin Chinese. What did you most enjoy about the story? Tell a grown up!



"I enjoyed listening to the character in the story tell about what she will be everyday. She is an astronaut, a cricket, a sculptor, a drummer, and so many more things. It was great to listen to the story in two languages!