

James loved animals. His favorite thing in the entire world was going to the zoo. He liked to see the elephants, lions, and zebras. He had dreamed about going to Africa one day. He wanted to go on a safari and see all of these animals in the wild. James spent all of his allowance on books about these animals. He wanted to learn everything he could about them.

One day, when he was at the zoo with his dad, he saw a poster for a contest. It was an essay contest. The assignment was to choose an animal that lived in the zoo and write an essay about it. James was certain that he could win the contest. He had spent years learning about zoo animals. He could surely write a short essay about one of them. He chose to write about elephants, his absolute favorite. James explained the different types of elephants. He talked about their habitat, their eating habits and why he loved them the most. He hoped that he would win. The prize was the opportunity to spend an entire day with a zookeeper.

James waited to hear about the results of the contest. One day, his mother told him that he had a phone call. It was the zoo; he had won! The zookeeper said that she was impressed by everything he knew about elephants. Now he was going to be able to spend an entire day feeding the animals and learning about being a zookeeper.