

Key Knowledge

Naming jungle animals.	Une giraffe, un serpent etc.
Asking what the name of an animal is.	Qu'est-ce que c'est ? <i>What is it?</i> Comment s'appelle cet animal ? <i>What is the name of this animal?</i> C'est un/une... <i>It is a...</i>
Describe animals using colours and other adjectives.	Le serpent est long et vert. <i>The snake is long and green.</i> L'éléphant est gros et gris. <i>The elephant is large and grey.</i>
Describing parts of an animal's body.	La girafe a un long cou. <i>The giraffe has a long neck.</i> Le tigre a des griffes pointues. <i>The tiger has sharp claws.</i>
Asking for and giving your favourite exotic animal.	Quel est ton animal préféré ? Mon animal préféré est un singe.



Key Grammar

avoir = to have **Il a / elle a = he has / she has**

être = to be **Il est / elle est**

In French we use masculine, feminine or plural forms of adjectives depending on the noun they describe.

Adjective agreement
L'éléphant est **gros**. (*masculine*)
La girafe est **grande**. (*feminine*)
Les singes sont **drôles**. (*plural –s added to drôle.*)

Prior learning

Colours (Year 3)
Pets (Year 3)
Parts of the body (Year 4)

Key Vocabulary

French	English
la jungle	jungle
le zoo	zoo
la girafe	giraffe
le serpent	snake
le perroquet	parrot
le singe	monkey
le tigre	tiger
l'éléphant	elephant
petit / petite	small
gros / grosse	big
grand / grande	tall
long / longue	long
multicolore	multicoloured

French fun facts

Peigner la girafe

If you are given a long and boring task you might describe it as *peigner la girafe* (to comb a giraffe). This is because giraffes have such long necks and doing this would quickly get boring!

Lesson ideas

- Primary Languages VLE Stage 2 Summer 1
- Songs – [Chansons d'animaux](#)
- Flash card games
- Quel animal ? description game
- I went to the zoo and saw.. **Au zoo j'ai vu...**
- Invent and describe your own exotic animal.