Dolphins in Action

This story will tell me what I will see when I visit Dolphins in Action.

If I am with an adult or friend, I will stay by him or her and not run ahead.
Today I am going to see Dolphins in Action at Brookfield Zoo. It is in an exhibit called Seven Seas. There is a statue of dolphins in front of the building. The statue may be hot.
There may be a lot of people in line to get their tickets. If I don’t already have my ticket, I may have to wait in line to get it.
There will be people in line to go inside the exhibit. This may take some time and that is okay, I am patient. Everyone will be excited to see the dolphins.
There will be people taking tickets as I go into the building. They will scan my ticket so I can pass through.
When I get inside, I will see a very large pool of water. This is where the dolphins live. I can look at the pool.

I cannot go next to the pool and I cannot touch the pool.
There are many long benches to sit on so we can watch Dolphins in Action. We cannot sit on the benches that have chains in front of them.
Some of the benches have the words “Splash Zone” written on them. This means that if people sit on those benches, they might get wet from the dolphins splashing in the water. If I do not want to get wet, I will need to sit on benches that are not in the splash zone.
I may notice the following things when I am inside the exhibit:
  • There are many people.
  • It is loud.
  • It may smell like fish.

If I am feeling uncomfortable, I will tell the person I am with.
When everyone is sitting down, it will be time for Dolphins in Action to start.

I cannot stand up during Dolphins in Action. I cannot walk around during Dolphins in Action.

If I am feeling uncomfortable, I will tell the person I am with.
We will see dolphins. There are people who work with the dolphins and they are called trainers. They are the only people who can touch the dolphins.

A dolphin might look like a fish, but it is not a fish. It is a mammal. Dolphins breathe through the hole on the top of their head.
The dolphins may do things like jumping in the air or sliding out of the water. I might be excited when they do those things.

I will not stand up. I will not scream. I can clap and I can smile if I am excited.
The person who works at the zoo will tell us when Dolphins in Action is over. Then it will be time to leave.

It will be crowded because everyone is trying to leave. I will wait my turn to leave Dolphins in Action.
Dolphins in Action is over. If I do not want to see the dolphins anymore, we can decide where to go next in the zoo.

If I want to see the dolphins some more, I will tell the person I am with and then we can go to the lower level of the building. It is called Underwater Viewing.
When I go inside the Underwater Viewing area, it will be darker inside.

There will be very large windows, and on the other side of the windows will be water. I am safe. The water cannot get onto my side of the window.

I might be scared and that is okay. I will tell the person I am with.
I can sit down in front of the windows or I can stand. If there are other people looking at the dolphins, I will wait for my turn. We can share the space or take turns because we all want to see the dolphins.

The dolphins live in the water. I might see a dolphin swim right in front of me!

I might be excited. I will not scream. I will not bang on the glass.
When I am finished watching the dolphins, I will tell the person I am with. We can decide where to go next.