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Magical Animal Encounters

Inspired by Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling

Instructions: Today you will be writing a three-part scene in which you—the narrator—encounter an animal with some strange powers or skills. If you like what you write, you might create an entire story about the animal and its adventures. First, you will describe the setting where you encounter the animal. Then you will describe what the animal is doing to perform its special skills. Finally, you will describe what happens when the animal notices you watching it.

First come up with your animal and its special skill. Following that, decide on your story's setting. Then use this worksheet to compose an organized, three-part scene that might later become a longer story about your animal. Remember, a well-planned paragraph contains several sentences about the same idea, and it makes use of great words. Plan your story's three paragraphs in the boxes below, and use the suggestions to help keep your paragraph focused.

Where will your story take place?	
What's animal will you see?	What unusual skill will the animal have?

Rough draft your first paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.	
<p>Hey! Make sure you use good setting details in this paragraph!</p>	<p>Your first paragraph will launch your reader into this story by showing us where it takes place. In Harry Potter's story, we see a lot of details about the zoo before we meet the boa constrictor, don't we? Can you do something similar? You might end this part by seeing the animal for the first time.</p>

Rough draft your second paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.

Hey! Use some powerful verbs in this paragraph

Your second paragraph will share great details about the animal performing its special skill. Don't just describe the animal doing one big thing! Break the animal's behavior into smaller steps that you share great details about.

Rough draft your third paragraph below. Use additional paper if necessary.

Hey! Use some powerful adjectives in this paragraph!

Your third paragraph will answer this question: "What would the animal do if it realized you were watching it?" Imagine this has happened, and share several sentences about how this encounter might conclude.

If you like your finished three-paragraph scene, why not turn it into an even longer story?