

# San Diego Zoo

Disclaimer: [ASEPA](#) (Australian Special Education Principals Association) have joined together with UK-based nasen ([National Association for Special Educational Needs](#)) to work in partnership to crowd-source free resources that may be useful in supporting children with complex and/or additional learning needs.

## Who is this resource for?

This site is specifically designed for children. It has a range of virtual and hands on activities for students to complete.

## Setting up

1. Access [San Diego Zoo](#) here or via the following link below.

<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

2. This site is easily navigated from the section shown below. By selecting from the top menu children are able to select from virtual activities including live video from animal enclosures to guided 'hands-on' activities to complete at home. Some activities will require a little preparation whilst others use easily available items from within the home. Easily downloadable worksheets are also available in the activities section of this site.



3. The bottom menu allows students to select from a variety of animal categories and to select a specific animal to learn about. These include video discussions with the zoo keepers. Live video of these animals is also available.



## How can my child use this resource?

As parents of students who may have additional learning and support needs or disabilities, you may need some help to make all of this technology work for your child. Below is a link to some 'How to Videos' to support parents with making it easier to work online.

The screen shot shows what you will see when you click on the link.

Literacy and Learning	▼
Vision	▼
Hearing	▼
Physical and Motor Skills	▼

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/resources/assistive-technology#How-to5>

## Tips for parents and carers

This resource would be great to complete research activities for students on a specific animal. **Note:** Australian animals are also kept at the San Diego Zoo. This too could be a point of research about how animals from other countries are kept in zoos – looking at how enclosures are designed etc.

### For Grown Ups

The 'for grown ups' tab has parent / teacher based activities including downloadable students booklets and the information required to complete each task.



The Australian outback curriculum page includes student booklets teacher guides and supporting photos. This part of the site is ideal for learning about Australian animals at home.

