



# THE BOY ON FAIRFIELD STREET

How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss



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## Forest Park Zoo Party

Objective: ... make and explain inferences from texts such as determining important ideas and drawing conclusions

After Tom read *The Boy on Fairfield Street*, he went to visit his cousins in Springfield, Massachusetts from May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. He knew that his Springfield family loved going to the Forest Park Zoo and were Zoo Members. He looked on the internet and found an ad that caught his attention at <http://www.forestparkzoo.org>. A Zoo Party at the SAME zoo that Ted Geisel had loved! What could be better? Tom could plan his birthday party for June 9<sup>th</sup> there. Use the ad to help him with the arrangements and costs. Answer the questions on the next page.

## THE ZOO IN FOREST PARK

"CELEBRATING NATURE'S DIVERSITY"

Party with some real ANIMALS

Party Details



Days & Hours of Parties: Daily mid-May through mid-October (subject to tent availability) ~ 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Look what you get for your party!

Our great party tent complete with tables and chairs!

Invitations!

Visits from our zoo animals and their trainers!

A ride on the zoo train!

Bring your own: Food & Drinks

Birthday Cake

Decorations (no balloons or noise makers please)

Maximum Number: 25 Children & Adults

### PRICING:

*\$150 for Non-Members or \$125 for Zoo Members*

Parties must be booked at least 3 weeks in advance and paid in full before you can receive your guest passes. Train passes will be distributed the day of your party.

DOES NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION INTO FOREST PARK ZOO

Cancellations: Cancellations received one week in advance will be refunded minus a \$15 processing fee. Cancellations received with less than one week notice will receive a 50% refund.

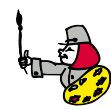
### GENERAL ADMISSION INTO FOREST PARK ZOO:

Up to age 1 FREE    Children up to age 4 \$2.00    Children ages 5 - 12 \$3.50  
Adults \$4.50    Train Rides \$2.50    Animal Food Packages \$1.00

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

April 1 - Oct 15 Daily, Weather Permitting - 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Questions? Call (413) 333-5251 ext. 19.





### Forest Park Zoo Party

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...use multiplication to solve problems involving whole numbers  
...use division to solve problems involving whole numbers

First, Tom made a list of all his relatives who would come to the party:

Adults (all Zoo Members):  
 Aunt Gloria      Uncle Pete  
 Aunt Latti      Uncle George  
 Aunt Kathy      Uncle Steve

My cousins and I and our ages:  
 Ethan, 11      Logan, 12      Jaden, 12      John, 9  
 Connor, 8      Madison, 8      Taylor, 7      Noah, 6  
 McKenzie, 5      Paige, 4      Jordan, 3      Tom, 11  
 Chloe, 2 mo.      Jake, 11 mo.      Ryan, 8 mo.

Help him figure out the following details.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Tom wanted to have plenty of time to go through the zoo **before** the party. What time should he schedule the party?
- A. 10 a.m. to 12 noon
  - B. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - C. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  - D. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

How much time would they have to go through the zoo **after** the party?

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What two expenses would they have if they were all Zoo Members?
- A. Zoo Admission and \$125 for party
  - B. Invitations and \$125 for party
  - C. Zoo Admission and \$150 for party
  - D. Train ride and \$125 for party

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If his relatives were Zoo Members, how much would they have to pay the zoo that day?
- A. \$ 150.50
  - B. \$ 164.00
  - C. \$ 181.50
  - D. \$ 191.00

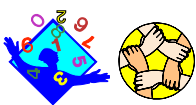
If they divided this cost among everyone, how much would the zoo and party cost per person? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. If they invited four 9-year-old friends to come to the party, how much more would it cost?
- A. Nothing
  - B. \$ 3.50
  - C. \$ 8.00
  - D. \$ 14.00

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What is the latest date they could book the party?
- A. May 15
  - B. May 19
  - C. May 26
  - D. June 2

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is the latest day they could cancel the party to receive the biggest refund?
- A. May 31
  - B. June 2
  - C. June 5
  - D. June 8

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. If Tom's family canceled the zoo trip and party on June 6<sup>th</sup>, how much would they have to pay?
- A. \$62.50      C. \$92.50
  - B. \$82.00      D. Nothing





### Answers and Explanation

This is a high level activity. We suggest having kids first work it independently, then compare answers with a partner or group, and last discuss as a class.

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1. C--2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The ad says: "Days & Hours of Parties: Daily mid-May through mid-October (subject to tent availability) ~ **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

They would only have 30 minutes after the party to go through the zoo. The ad says:

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2. A-- Admission and \$125 for party The ad states:

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3. Admission + Party

Admission:

6 Adults @ \$4.50 each= \$27.00

3 children under 1—free

2 children up to age 4 @\$2 each= \$4.00

10 Children age 5-12 @ \$3.50 each=\$35.00

Total: \$66.00

Party for up to 25: \$125

Total: \$66 + \$125 = \$191

That averages out at \$9.09 or \$9.10 per person. ( $\$191 \div 21=9.095$ )

4. Party price wouldn't increase for one more person...still under 25. All they would have to pay for the 9 year old is admission: \$3.50
5. May 19 (3 weeks before the party)
6. \$62.50 (That cancellation is less than a week before the party date, so they would have to pay 50% of the party cost of \$125, but not 50% of the admission)