The London Zoo

If you come to the capital of England, visit London Zoo. It’s one of the oldest zoos in the world. Some exotic animals first **arrived** to Britain in the 13th **century** as a **present** to King Henry III. They were leopards and elephants. The animals lived in the Tower of London in a special place. Later the king of Norway presented a polar bear to Henry III. They say the bear liked to go fishing in the Thames at the end of a long **rope**.

Five hundred years later, London Zoo was opened on 27th April 1828. It **is situated** in the **heart** of London, in Regent’s Park. **Although** the Zoo is located in the middle of the city, it still has a lot of animals to see, such as lions, camels, giraffes, penguins, tigers, monkeys and elephants. In fact, there are 750 different **kinds** of animals in London Zoo. It is one of the largest collections of animals in the UK.

Children can also take part in fun **activities**, see the **performances**, ride the animals and visit interesting **exhibitions**.

London Zoo is open all the year round **except** 25th December.

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Answer the questions:

1. When was the Zoo opened?
2. Where is the Zoo situated?
3. How many animals live there?
4. What can people do in the Zoo?
5. When can people visit the Zoo?