

Pre-k Choice Board



Listening

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[Click here](#) to listen to the creative director of TIME for Kids, Drew, and his sidekick Rosie as they explore their imaginations and come up with fun things to sketch. In this episode, learn about giraffes and sketch along with Drew and Rosie.



What did you learn? "I learned a lot about giraffes. For example, they are the tallest mammals on Earth, and they have very long necks and legs. Giraffes also have unique, spotted coat patterns, and they only need to drink water once every few days."



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[Click here](#) to learn about the Chinese language. There are thousands of languages in the world, and Mandarin, a form of Chinese, is spoken by more people than any other language. Be sure to click the READ ALOUD link at the top of the page to listen to the article. What did you learn from the article?

Characters	Chinese	Say It	English
你好	ni hao	nee how	hello
家	jia	jee-ah	home
朋友	peng you	pung yo	friend
学校	xiue xiao	shueh shee-yow	school

What did you learn? "I learned that the Chinese language does not use letters but characters or symbols, each with its own meaning. "Ni Hao" (nee how) means "hello," and "jia" (jee-ah) means "home" in Chinese.



Speaking

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[Click here](#) to visit the Smithsonian's National Zoo's website and explore the animal webcams. Observe the animals' habitats and consider these questions: What does the animal see? What are they doing? What might the animal think or feel? What might the animal care about? Discuss with a family member or friend.

Cheetah Cub Cam

Lion Cam

Elephant Cam

Giant Panda Cam

"I clicked on each picture and observed how the animals behave. My favorite was the lion, who was roaming around his space. I wonder if he was searching for food. I didn't see any other animals with the lion, and I wonder if he feels lonely."



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[Click here](#) to listen to 'Today I Am,' a bilingual read-aloud in English and Mandarin Chinese. What did you enjoy the most about the story? Tell a grown-up!



"I enjoyed listening to the character in the story describe what she will be every day. She is an astronaut, a cricket, a sculptor, a drummer, and many other things. It was great to listen to the story in two languages!"