Who's at the Zoo?

Ask children to look at the picture from the story. Use the following questions to lead a discussion about what is going on in the picture.

1. What can you see in the picture? Have you ever been to the zoo? Who did you go with? What was your favourite thing about the zoo?
2. Sinéad was going to the zoo for her birthday. Have you ever gone somewhere exciting for your birthday? Where did you go? Who did you go with? What did you do there?
3. What animals can you see on the zoo map? Sinéad saw the elephants first. They were splashing in the pool. Have you ever seen an elephant? What do we call its long nose? How would you describe an elephant to someone who has never seen one before?
4. After the elephants, Sinéad visited the tiger. What was he doing? Can you describe a tiger? What noise does a tiger make? What do you think a tiger eats? Why do you think the tiger wants to be camouflaged among the long grass?
5. The crocodile was in the reptile house. Have you ever been to the reptile house at the zoo? What is the reptile house like? What else is kept in there? Have you ever seen a crocodile? How would you imagine its skin feels?
6. The zoo-keeper was feeding the penguins. Has anyone seen penguins or seals being fed at the zoo? Where do penguins come from? Does you know any facts about penguins?
7. The monkeys were very noisy! Has anyone ever seen monkeys at the zoo? Can you name any types of monkey? What is your favourite type of monkey? What do monkeys like to eat?
8. At the end, Sinéad got an elephant teddy as a souvenir. Have you ever bought a souvenir? Where would you buy souvenirs at the zoo? The elephant was Sinéad's favourite animal. What is your favourite animal? Why is it your favourite animal?