



A FAMILY FOR ZOYA

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In A Family for Zoya: The True Story of an Endangered Cub, a baby tiger whose mother doesn't take good care of her is moved to a new zoo across the country. The zookeepers hope that the little cub will be welcomed—and raised—by the tiger family that lives there.

1. Write about a time that you've made someone feel welcome or comfortable in a difficult situation. What did you do and what made you take action?
2. Write about a time when YOU were nervous or anxious and someone else made you feel comfortable. What did they do that helped you feel better?
3. Write about a time when you moved to a new place or started a new school or activity. Did you go into it thinking that things would turn out well, or did you imagine the worst would happen. Did things happen like you thought they would?
4. *A Family for Zoya* is a nonfiction (true) story. Take one of your answers to #1-3 above and try turning it into a fictional (imaginary) story. What parts would you change and why?

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