Enjoy a safari with friends Jordan and Abby and visit with elephants, giraffes, hippos, zebras, and other animals. Learn about shapes, colors, facial expressions, and more along the way!

Meet the Writer

Melanie Lasoff Levs
Author Melanie Lasoff Levs enjoyed writing each of the Hot Dots Tots books, but the farm and safari stories are her favorites—she playfully named the characters after the children in her own family, which includes two sons and a daughter. Though Melanie has not been on a safari, she and her husband love taking their children to the zoo in their hometown of Atlanta.

Meet the Illustrator

Oriol Vidal
Based in Barcelona, Spanish illustrator Oriol Vidal loves animals and feels a special connection to cats, particularly his two Siamese mixes, Pichurri and Micaela. He also has a bird named Peri, who has managed to live a long, healthy life despite the cats, and a 2-year-old daughter who would prefer a pet elephant.

Answer & learn with Elliott—The Musical Teaching Bear™!
Jordan and Abby are visiting wild animals on a safari. They see an elephant and a bird.

Which one is big?

Which shape are the wheels?

elephant

bird

square
circle
The giraffe likes to eat leaves.

What color are leaves?

red green

The zebra has one baby.

Which shows one baby zebra?

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Abby is happy to see the zebra.

Which face shows happy?

sad  happy

The hippo is drinking blue water.

Which is blue?

orange  blue
Jordan is scared of the hippo.

The monkeys love to climb up trees.

Which monkeys are up?

Which face shows scared?

scared  angry
Abby likes the cheetahs best.

The animals enjoy the sunny day!

Which shows two cheetahs?

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Which is the sun?

sun moon