

# Introducing Auckland Zoo's three female lions!



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1. What kind of zoo keeper is Beth?
2. Which zoo did the lionesses come from?
3. Did any zoo keepers accompany the lionesses on the plane when they came to New Zealand?
4. Which departments or teams were involved when the lionesses arrived?
5. Which lioness was the last to leave her crate?
6. How are the three lionesses related?
7. List two of the behaviours that the lionesses do that they would naturally be doing in the wild.
8. What are lions classed as?
9. What role do the lions have at Auckland Zoo?
10. Would you like to see lions up close? Why or why not?

## **Interesting vocabulary to learn more about:**

process, protocols, quarantine, tedious, accompany, departments, maintenance, timid, vantage, enrichment, vulnerable, plummeted, historical, range, conservation, conserve, ecosystems, advocacy.

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*Ka pai! (Well done!)*

Now it's time to check your answers.

1. Beth is a carnivore keeper.
2. The lionesses came from Werribee Open Range Zoo (in Australia).
3. No, the lionesses travelled without keepers.
4. The vets were there to check them, the maintenance team to move the crates as well as zoo keeping staff to make sure the whole process ran smoothly.
5. Ilola didn't leave her crate so they left her overnight and she decided to leave her crate at around 3am!
6. Aziza and Kibibi are twin sisters and Ilola is their half sister.
7. You need two of the following: they will go up onto a vantage point, scanning for things that may be tasty for them, scanning for danger, taking in all the smells, taking in all the sights.
8. Lions are classed as vulnerable in the wild.
9. At the Zoo, the lion's role is advocacy – they are here to teach people about lions and the issues that lions are facing in the wild.
10. Various answers. Teacher judgment required.

## **Challenge:**

Draw or make a zoo habitat that would be a great home for three lionesses! Think about what lions need to survive and thrive at Auckland Zoo.