

Amanda and the Panda

Number the sentences below to put them in order and form a story.



____ As soon as they walked in the gate, Amanda and Avery made a beeline for the enclosure where Penelope lived. They ran toward the bamboo plants growing high above the fence around Penelope's home.

____ One sunny Saturday morning, Amanda's family decided to take a trip to the zoo. Amanda was excited! "I can't wait to see Penelope," she exclaimed. Penelope was a panda bear who had recently come to live at the zoo. Amanda loved animals, and she liked pandas most of all.

____ When they reached the panda enclosure, however, they found it empty. The sign reading "Penelope the Panda" was missing, too. Amanda's parents soon caught up, and Amanda explained breathlessly what she and Avery had discovered. "What could've happened to Penelope?" Amanda asked.

____ Amanda noticed a crowd beginning to gather nearby. "Look over there," said Amanda's mother. "I think I see your friend," said Amanda's father. Amanda turned to look. What she saw made her gasp with delight. There was Penelope, looking healthy as ever, lumbering through a big door into her enclosure. She sat down, broke off a piece of bamboo, and began to eat.

____ "Maybe she's sick," Avery responded, "or maybe worse!" Amanda frowned and turned away from the enclosure. She couldn't bear the thought of never seeing Penelope again. "How could the zoo have let that happen?" Amanda lamented. "They're supposed to keep the animals safe and healthy! Isn't that why they're here?" Avery put a comforting hand on his big sister's shoulder.

____ Amanda looked back at Penelope's enclosure and saw a second panda bear enter through Penelope's door. "That's Peter. He just moved here from another zoo," the man in the uniform explained. "If we're lucky, this time next year, you might see a panda cub in this same place."

____ "A baby panda! That would be just about the best thing I've ever seen," said Amanda. "Me, too!" Avery agreed. They watched as Peter went to sit beside Penelope, breaking off his own piece of bamboo to eat. "I think they're going to get along just fine," said Amanda.

____ "Penelope's alright!" Amanda exclaimed. "She's better than alright," said a smiling man in a uniform, who stood nearby holding a large sign. He hung the sign on the pole where the old sign once hung, and Amanda saw that it now read "Penelope and Peter."