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.
Jordan and Abby are visiting wild animals on a safari. They see an elephant and a bird.

They are riding in a truck.

Which one is big?

Which shape are the wheels?
The giraffe likes to eat leaves.

What color are leaves?
red  green

The zebra has one baby.

Which shows one baby zebra?
1  2
Abby is happy to see the zebra.

The hippo is drinking blue water.

Which face shows happy?

sad  happy

Which is blue?

orange  blue
Jordan is scared of the hippo.

Which face shows scared?

scared

angry

The monkeys love to climb up trees.

Which monkeys are up?

up

down
Abby likes the cheetahs best.

Which shows two cheetahs?

1 2

The animals enjoy the sunny day!

Which is the sun?

sun moon