

Song/Story:

Zole

Objective: Using this song students will compare the homes of two different animals and their own home.

Procedure: Read the following story to the students and have them join the story when you sing: "Zole, zole, zole rock (den) is my home, rock (den) is my home."
(Zole is pronounced zoe/lee – first syllable – long o, second syllable – long e).

Talk with the students about why bear could not remember the song and why every animal and person will have a different song.

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There was a lizard who lived on a rock. He was very happy living on his rock. All day long he would sing "Zole, zole, zole, rock is my home, rock is my home." One day a bear saw him sitting on the rock and heard him singing. He wondered why the lizard was so happy. So the bear asked the lizard why he was so happy. The lizard said that he was so happy because he was at home and the rock was a great place to live.

So the bear left and went back to his home and thought "I wish I knew that song so I would be happy." So he went back to lizard to learn the song. Lizard said he would be very happy to teach him his song. He sang "Zole, zole, zole, rock is my home, rock is my home." That made bear feel good again so he went home. But on the way, he forgot the song.

He went back to lizard and asked him if he would teach him the song again. Lizard said he would be very happy to teach the song again. He sang "Zole, zole, zole, rock is my home, rock is my home." Again bear went home and again he forgot the song.

So he went back to lizard one more time. This time lizard was asleep on his warm rock in the sunshine. What could bear do? He decided to pick lizard up and put him in a bag. Then he could take lizard to his home where he could teach bear his song.

On the way lizard woke up and was very scared. He didn't know what to do so he decided to sing his song so he wouldn't be so frightened. He sang "Zole, zole, zole, rock is my home, rock is my home."

When bear opened the bag, lizard saw that bear didn't live on a rock. He understood right away why bear couldn't learn the song. He told bear that he couldn't learn the song because he didn't live on a rock. But he would make bear a song that he could learn. He sang "Zole, zole, zole, den is my home, den is my home." Bear learned that song very easily and he was very happy.

But we don't live on a rock or in a den so we have to have a different song too. What will your song be? At Wind Cave National Park our song is "Zole, zole, zole, Wind Cave is my home, Wind Cave is my home."

