



## Writing a Rule Activity

### No Animals in the Library

**Directions:** In the book *Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen, the librarian - Miss Merriweather - had a rule about no running in the library, but she did not have a rule about having a lion in the library. Do you think No Animals in the Library is a good rule for a librarian to have? Think about the possibilities below in which there are animals in the library. Consider each one and decide if it should be an exception to the rule and why or why not.

#### *No Animals in the Library*

1. A magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat as part of a children's show at the library.
2. Professor Steve, who is visually impaired, brings his Guide Dog into the library.
3. Nikki's pet snake escapes from its cage and is found in the library two weeks later. (Nikki's house is next door to the library.)
4. When the librarian reads *The Great Hamster Hunt*, she brings a hamster into the library.
5. The library suffers from an outbreak of mice. The custodian brings in a cat to catch the mice overnight while the library is closed.
6. While a family is dropping off their books, their dog jumps out of the car and follows them into the library.
7. The science teacher dissects a frog in the library during a lesson.