

# 11 Language Profile

## *African-American English*

S: And then that man had another tiger, a police came to the house and shot that one, and they got another one

SLP: This is all on Wild Life?

S: (Nods yes) And—

SLP: With the elephant and the rhinoceros? All of this happened on th— Wild Life?

S: (Nods yes)

SLP: Wow.

S: And then another one came on about the, uh, white lions and stuff. Don't you know them white ones?

SLP: White lions?

S: Tigers, I mean.

SLP: White tigers. Tigers are orange with black stripes, thank you.

S: No, they white too! Yeah-huh, they got white, they got white, then they got w—I mean, black stripes going down.

SLP: That's a zebra!

S: Mm-mm! It's another one! It's a snow tiger.

SLP: Oh, the snow tigers! Oh, okay.

S: And then that man had one. And then we went to a black, a black panther. It wasn't no black panther, it was something. A black what you call them, I don't know.

SLP: Mm-hmm.

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S: And then it was a m— we was looking at monkeys jumping up and down hit—

SLP: The monkeys are funny, huh?

S: (Nods yes) was hitting each o— And then, it was one that went to the doctor's, and he was doing like ANH ANH 'cause

SLP: A monkey went to the doctor?

S: 'Cause he ain't want to get his shot on— in his leg and he was saying ANH ANH and then he got a needle shot in his leg and he said ANH ANH ANH and then he, and then the man gave him a peppermint so he could suck on, and then he was biting his glasses, and then he put them on, was looking at the camera. And then when he got home, he said that— that lady said he don't like to say no, so he'll bang on the table, and all that, and then, that lady gave him a sucker, and he was sucking on it, then.

SLP: Just like a little— little kid, huh? Wow.

S: Then he had diapers on and he was jumping.

SLP: (Laughs) She kept him in her house? Oh, so it was like her pet monkey? [S nods yes] Or was it a monkey out in the jungle? [S nods no] Oh!

S: And then, they'd take him places with them, like like uh like a diner, you know?

SLP: Don't you think the monkey would run away?

S: It won't run away.

SLP: Did they have it on a leash? Like you do a dog?

S: No. And, and then when they got him home, they, they was jumping on a, a big trampoline.

SLP: All three of them?

S: No, just one.

SLP: So, just the monkey?

S: Yeah.

SLP: The lady wasn't jumping on the trampoline too?

S: No, she was watching him 'cause he was jumping up and down, walking around.

SLP: Well, good.