An alphabet that’s hungrier than most.

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These are some of the lowercase Zoophas.

Come meet the rest of them and find out what they like to eat.
This is Alice.
Alice admires (and then eats) African ants.

After Alice eats an ant she pats her stomach and says, “Aaaaa! Absolutely amazing!”
This is Bernard.
“Boy, oh boy! Banana bread is the best! BURP!!! Now smell my banana breath!” beams Bernard.

Bernard goes bonkers for banana bread.
This is Coco.
“It’s a cushiony, cuddly, candy confection,” coos Coco.

Coco is crazy about cotton candy.
This is Daisy.
Daisy will do anything for a double-dipped doughnut.

“D-e-e-e-licious!” says Daisy as she dances with delight.
This is Eduardo.
Eduardo enjoys emu eggs.

“Enormous, but excellent!” exclaims Eduardo.
This is Flo.
Flo’s favorite food is a frozen farkleberry fizz.

“Fantastically fantabulous!” fawns Flo with fizz fuzz on her face.
This is Garrett.
Garrett goes gaga for gobs of grape gumballs.

“Good, gooey and grapey!” grins Garrett as he gobbles the gum.
This is Holly.
Holly is hungry for a hotdog.

“Hoooo doggy!” hollers Holly. How happy she is!
This is Izzy.
Izzy is itching for inchworm ice cream.

“It’s not icky to me. Inchworms are incredible!” exclaims Izzy as she inhales an inchworm.
This is Jasper.
Jasper jumps for joy when he sees a jar of jelly beans.

“Juicy, jelly, joy-joy!” shouts jumping Jasper.
This is Karl.
Karl drinks lots of ketchup.

(He’s kind of a kook.)
This is Lila.
Lila loves to lick large lemon-lime lollipops.

After about eleven little licks, Lila yells, “Lovely! Luscious! La-la-laaaa!!!”
This is Mashaka.
Mashaka makes and then munches on marshmallow monsters.

“Mmmmm! Magnificent!” mumbles Mashaka as she mashes another monster into her mouth.
This is Nicolai.
Nicolai nibbles on nautical noodles.
(which is his fancy name for seaweed)

“Nice!” says Nicolai with his nose in the nest of noodles.
This is Olive.
“Oh, how I love olives! They’re almost the only thing I eat,” offers Olive.

Olive loves olives.
(of course!)
This is Pemberton.
Pemberton is partial to pepperoni pizza.

“POW! Now it’s perfect!” says Pemberton as he pokes a hole through a pepperoni.
This is Queenie.
Queenie requests Quacker crackers.

Queenie makes each Quacker say, “Quack-quack” before she pops it in her mouth and cries, “Quite quelicious!”
This is Raimondo.
Raimondo really likes rainbow trout.
This is Sid.
Sid seeks out and slurps up super-sized spiders.

“Succulent, sensational, satisfying!” says slithery Sid.
This is Tippy.
Tippy told us she likes tuna on toast.

“Tippy totters. It’s a terrific, tasty, tongue-tingling treat!”
This is Ulrich.
Ulrich utterly loves ugli fruit.

“Um-um-ummy in my tum-tum-tummy! Un-n-n-believably ummy! You should try an ugli too!” urges Ulrich.
This is Velma.
Velma craves vegetables.

“Vough! I don't always love the taste but veggies have vital vitamins,” says Velma. “They give my vaults a very vigorous va-va-va-voom!”
This is Wanda.
Wanda wants some waffles.

“Wow! Wonderful! Woo hoo!” shouts Wanda while her arms wildly wave the waffles.
This is Xerxes.
Xerxes gets excited for earwax.

"Exxxxxcellent!!" exhales Xerxes.
This is Yoshi.
“Yay! Yip-yip-yahooey!”

yells Yoshi.

“Yogurt sure is yummy!”

Yoshi loves yogurt.
This is Zed.
Zed always enjoys ziti with zucchini.

“Zzzzesty!” says Zed.
The Lowercase Zoophabet

Now you know these a, b, c’s.
Be sure to feed them what they please.
Oh, wait! There’s one more thing for you to see—a food that’s loved by Zoopha a through Zoopha z. Can you guess what it is?

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Turn the page to find out...
All of the Zoophas love alphabet soup!
(As long as they’re eating it and not in it, of course.)