Zoos

Introduction

Some people think there are good reasons for keeping animals in zoos. Other people think zoos are cruel because wild animals are kept in cages.

One of the reasons for keeping animals in zoos is to stop rare animals from becoming extinct – this means that they have all died out.

A This text is about keeping animals

Tick one.

on farms.	in sheds.	
in zoos.	in the countryside.	

B What does the word **extinct** mean?

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Some people think zoos are a good idea. These are some of the reasons.

- Zoos teach people about animals.
- Zoos are safe places for animals to live.
- Zoos can save animals from dying out. Rare animals can have their babies there.



1 Why do some people think zoos are a good idea?

Tick one.

Zoos make animals die out.	Zoos make animals ill.	
Zoos are safe places for animals to live.	Zoos keep animals in the wild.	

2 Rare animals can have their babies there.

What does the word rare mean in this sentence?

Tick one.

wild	small	
sick	uncommon	



Some people think zoos are a bad idea. These are some of the reasons.

- When wild animals are kept in a small place they can become sad and ill.
- Zoos cost a lot of money.
- Television and books can tell you more about animals than zoos.



3 Why do some people think zoos are a bad idea?

Tick one.

Animals	have babie	s in
Z00S.		

Zoos scare children.



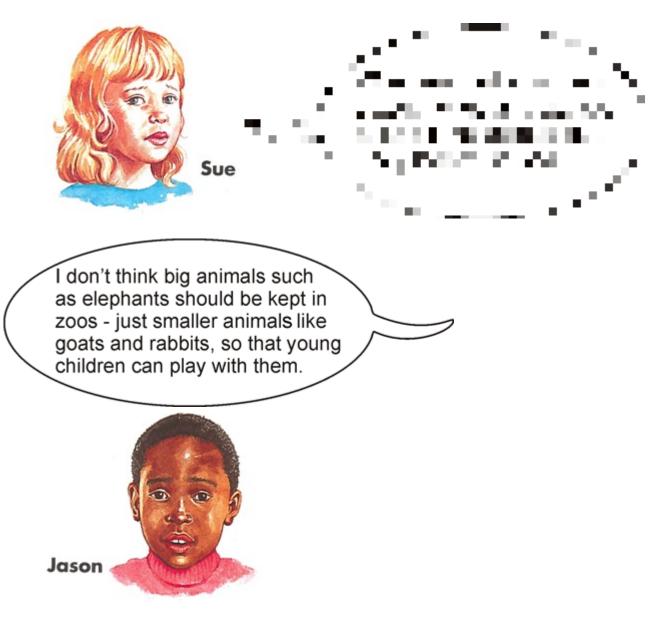
The animals run away.

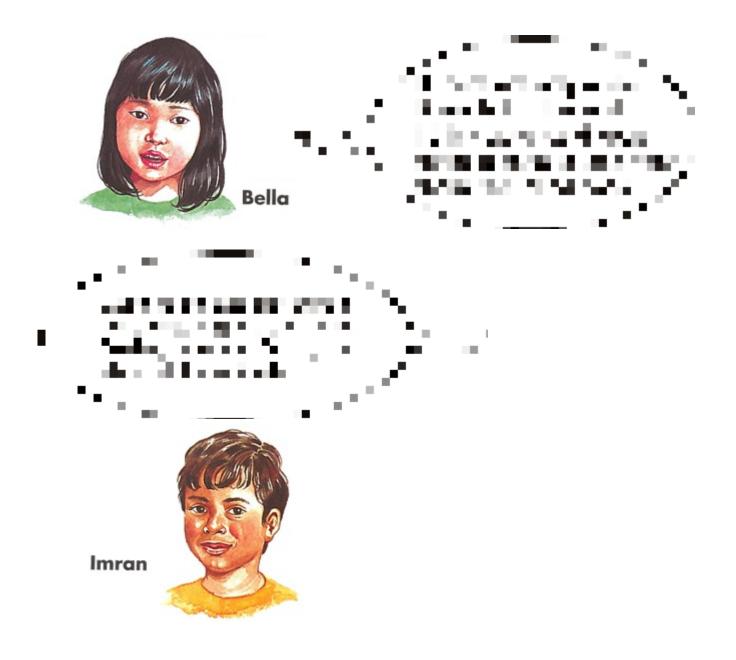
The animals might get ill.



- 4 Give two things that tell you more about animals than zoos.
 - 1._____
 - 2._____

What some children think about zoos





6 Why does Jason think that goats and rabbits should be kept in zoos?Tick one.

Young children can play with them.

They are in danger.



It might make them sad.

Zoos are cruel to them.



- 7 Which child likes to go to the zoo to find out more about animals?
- 8 Why does Bella think zoos should look after tigers?

Tick **one**.

Young children can play with them.



Tigers are happy.



tigers left.

There are only a few



Tigers are small.



Animals in danger

Some animals in the wild are in danger of dying out and becoming extinct.

Animal Chart

Animal	In danger?
giant panda	yes
rabbit	no
camel	no
black rhino	yes
zebra	no



There are not many giant pandas left in China.



Black rhinos are killed for their horns.

9 Look at the chart.

Write **two** animals which are **not** in danger.

- 1._____
- 2._____
- 10 Look at the chart. Which of these animals **is** in danger of dying out? Tick **one**.

rabbit	giant panda	
zebra	camel	

11 Why are there very few black rhinos left?

Tick one.

They live in zoos.	They live in China.	
They are hunted for their skins.	They are killed for their horns.	

Mark schemes

1	Zoo	s	
	А	In zoos.	Practice
	В	They have all died out • there are no more of that kind of animal left.	Practice
	1	Zoos are safe places for animals to live.	1
	2	Uncommon.	1
	3	The animals might get ill.	1
	4	Television / books.	1
	5	Because the animals looked sad. Because she wanted to let all the animals out • did not like animals in cages.	1
	6	Young children can play with them.	1
	7	Imran.	1
	8	There are only a few tigers left.	1
	9	Camel • rabbit • zebra. (1 mark for each correct answer - maximum 2 marks)	
		Unacceptable: Giant panda • black rhino. Non-endangered animals not mentioned in the chart.	1 or 2
	10	Giant panda.	1
	11	They are killed for their horns.	1