

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?



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

☐

I HATE ZOOS

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 babies in
zoos.

☐

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



Sue



I don't think big animals such as elephants should be kept in zoos - just smaller animals like goats and rabbits, so that young children can play with them.



Jason



Bella



Imran

5 Why is Sue upset by 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.

☐

There are only a few
tigers left.

☐

Tigers are happy.

☐

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

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Zoos

A	In zoos.	Practice
B	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