

Should animals be kept in zoos?

For

- gives people the opportunity to see wild, **exotic** animals world-wide, without having to visit those countries to see them
- to see **dangerous** animals such as: **komodo dragons, crocodiles** etc without feeling **threatened**
- animals are cared for and **protected** in zoos: fed, watered and sheltered
- **informative source** of knowledge - used for learning about different **species** of animals: **behaviour, characteristics**, foods they like
- families enjoy a day out to zoos – they are popular with children and animals
- offer a safer **environment**
- species are protected from **poachers, predators** and **habitat loss**
- **breeding programmes** enable animals that are **declining** in the wild to **breed** and **repopulate**

Against

- zoos should be **prohibited**
- animals should not be **penned** up because they should be free – in the wild; it is **cruel** to keep them **caged-up!**
- they should be in their natural **habitats**
- the animals are separated from their families
- animals are sent to a different country
- animals are frightened when caught and then **attack** to **defend** themselves
- keeping animals in **captivity** is **unfair** and **unjust** to the animals
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