

## **Born free**

We all like going to the zoo, but what about the animals? Should we keep them in zoos, or is it wrong to take them out of their natural habitats?

There are certain advantages to keeping animals in zoos. Firstly, zoos help animals survive. They offer them a safe place to live in and food to eat. Endangered species also have a safe place to breed so that they won't disappear. Also, zoos can be educational. People can visit them and learn about animals and their behaviour.

On the other hand, there are certain drawbacks to keeping animals in zoos. First of all, animals are kept in small places or cages so they could be unhappy. Secondly, it is not natural for animals to live separately from each other for survival.

To sum up, there are strong arguments both for and against zoos. Although most zoos do their best to protect animals, I believe that we should leave animals in the wild and help them to survive their natural homes.

### **Questions:**

1. Can you imagine yourself having a wild animal as a pet? It sounds exciting, but is it right to keep one at home?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of keeping wild animals as pets?