

## Key stage 2 exercise 1

### Pupil A – Piece B: a balanced argument

Context: pupils were given an Aquila article about the advantages and disadvantages of safari parks. This was analysed together before identifying key arguments for and against zoos, a topic they had already considered earlier in the key stage. The pupils chose their own arguments and collated evidence to support them. An image has been removed from the bottom of the text.

#### Should zoos be banned?

All around the world, zoos are visited by many people. Zoos popularity has increased majorly over time. When people visit them, they meet peculiar and interesting creatures. Initially, zoos had a bad reputation for how they imprisonment animals for entertainment purposes. Now a days some people still have these thoughts if zoos are good or bad. Are zoos good or bad? What do you think? It is important to debate the existence of zoos; in one way they help the population of animals through conservation and for research, however their likely damage is untold.

I know many children enjoy a day at the zoo, where they can get to view a gorilla up close or enjoy the elephants in person. Where else would you get the opportunity.

However, zoos been around since Victorian times, the reality is not cute and fun, watching an animal pace around an enclosure, desperate to escape. The cage is no replacement for their natural habitat, no matter how nice it looks. I was shocked to discover that animals have recently been prescribed medicines to keep happy. As an animal lover, I find it hard to support this.

But it should be mentioned that zoos are not circuses and things have changed a lot since they first began operation. Modern zoos offer much insight into the lives of animals, and provide a safe environment and space for endangered species to exist. They can be a place of sanctuary where animals can be looked ~~after~~ <sup>after</sup> from the dangerous world that humans have destroyed.

On the ~~hand~~ <sup>other</sup> hand, it could be argued that humans should not just give up on the animals natural environment but instead be fighting to protect it. Surely keeping

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animals in their own habitat should be the aim for all?

So, what is the verdict? Whatever way you think, zoos are going to be part of our world and for years to come.