

## Pupil B – Piece D: a balanced argument

Context: pupils read and analysed an article about the advantages and disadvantages of safari parks. They identified key arguments for and against zoos and collated evidence to support them as the basis for their own writing. An image has been removed from each page.

### Zoos: Educational or Entertaining?

From concrete floors and metal bars, to man-made yet natural habitats, zoos have been around for more than a century, causing a controversy over the years. Are zoos really educational or are animals only kept in zoos for the purposes of entertainment? This report will cover the pros and cons of keeping animals in captivity.

As we all know, keeping animals in a replica of their natural habitats has helped scientists study them and their natural behaviours. This, of course, has helped prevent extinction.

In the wild, animals can be hunted and eaten by a predator that could threaten their existence. The more scientists study animals, the more they

can guarantee safety  
for them.

On the other hand, many  
people believe that zoos  
are morally wrong and should be closed  
down. Current figures suggest that  
80% of animals suffer from zoochosis:  
the disturbing or aggressive behaviour  
of animals when they are forced into  
an unnatural environment. Zoos are meant  
to help them, particularly endanger-  
ed species. However 98% of animals  
in zoos aren't endangered.

Having carefully ~~got~~ considered  
both sides of the  
argument, I have conclu-  
-ded that zoos should  
not be kept open. No-one  
can deny that many  
zoos do not provide a

good home for animals.  
- They are prison-like places where the owner is only worried about making money and the creatures have no freedom. In addition, these places are not educational because we do not see animals in natural environment so we can't witness their natural behaviours.