

What would be a good title for this balanced argument? Write one



Should Animals Be Kept in Zoos? Zoos are a popular tourist attraction for families around the world; however, while many people enjoy visiting these attractions, others argue that zoos should be prohibited as it is unfair to keep animals in captivity. This argument aims to examine the reasons for and against animals being kept in zoos.

One of the main arguments for keeping animals in zoos is that they offer a safe environment where species are protected from poachers, habitat loss and predators. Additionally, many zoos offer breeding programmes for endangered species; therefore, they are helping to repopulate species that are declining in the wild. Without zoos, it could be argued that these species may find it difficult to find mates and breed in the wild; consequently, they would be more likely to become extinct.

Secondly, zoos are an informative source of knowledge for both adults and children. People learn more about animals that would normally be in the wild if they can experience them in a close environment. As a result of this, people will become more educated about different species and become more empathetic towards them.

On the other hand, many people argue that it is inhumane to keep animals in zoos. Evidence suggests that animals can suffer from boredom, stress and anxiety while being in captivity. No matter how large or open the space of the animals' pens are, they cannot be compared to the freedom of the wild. In addition, if people want to experience wild animals, there are other places to visit apart from zoos. Sanctuaries and safaris offer visitors the chance to experience animals in their own environment and see their natural behaviour.

Read the argument carefully. Create a key and then highlight the following:

Modal verbs

arguments FOR

arguments AGAINST

CHALLENGE – write a conclusion for this argument. Repeat the questions and then give a justified personal opinion. Write in first person.