



# Should we shut down zoos?







# Why are we talking about this?

# Because of lockdown, all the zoos are closed!



Without visitors buying tickets, zoos are worried that they won't have enough money to buy food for all the animals. But should zoos reopen after lockdown, or **should they shut forever?** 



**Question (1 min)** Have you ever been to a zoo? What did you think?



### Off to the zoo!

Zoos are where we keep animals so we can **see them** and **learn more about them**.

In fact, nearly everything we know about pandas we have learnt from watching them in zoos. This is because they are very hard to spot in the wild!







## Off to the zoo!

Zoos also **rescue endangered animals** which could die in the wild.

Sometimes they adopt unwanted pets and **look after wild animals** that are hurt or unwell.



### Endangered:

There are not many of these animals left, so if the last ones die then they will stop existing forever.





### Off to the zoo!



Most animals that you see in the zoo were born there and have **never been outside in the wild**.

The zookeepers bring them food, water and even toys to play with to stop them from getting bored.

#### **<u>Click here</u>** to watch some zoo animals playing!





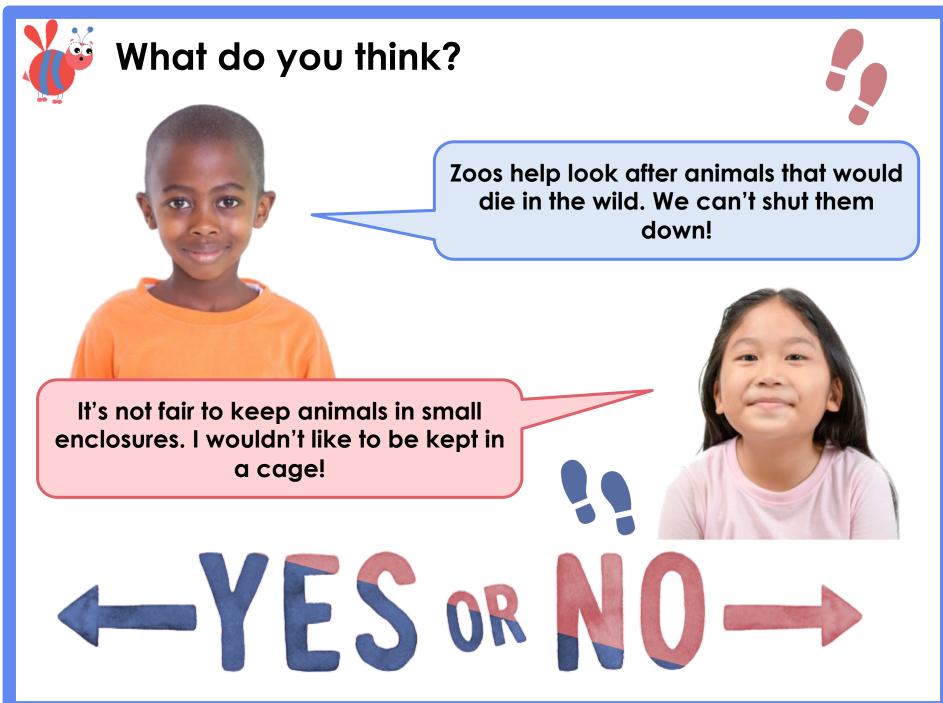
Animals in the zoo are kept in **enclosures** which they **cannot leave**.

These enclosures are **much smaller than the wild**, and often stay the same for a long time.

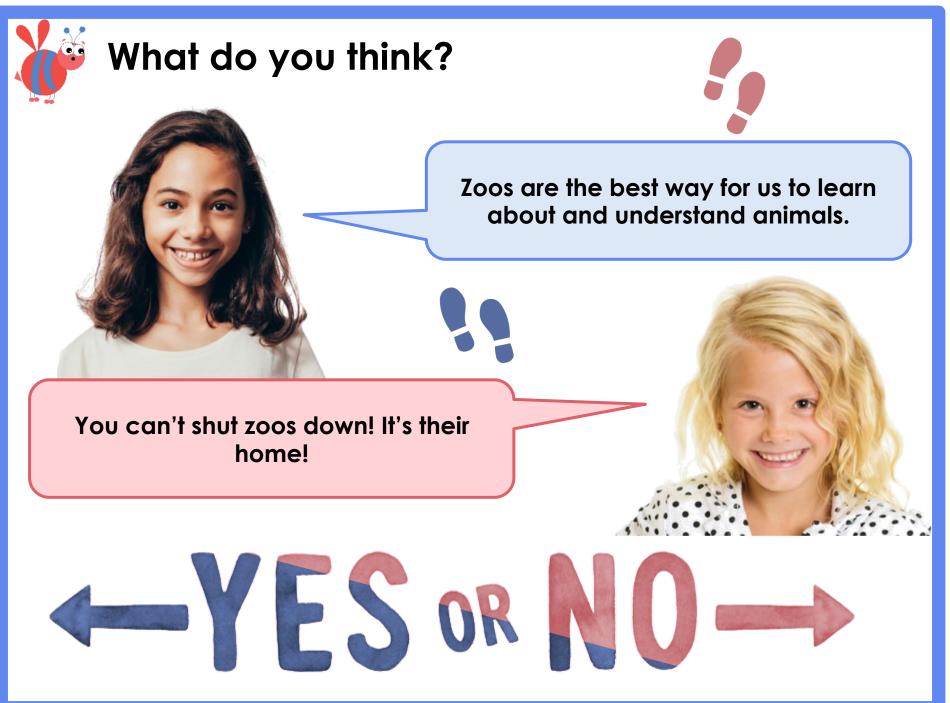
#### Enclosure:

An area, usually a cage or pen, where the animals live.









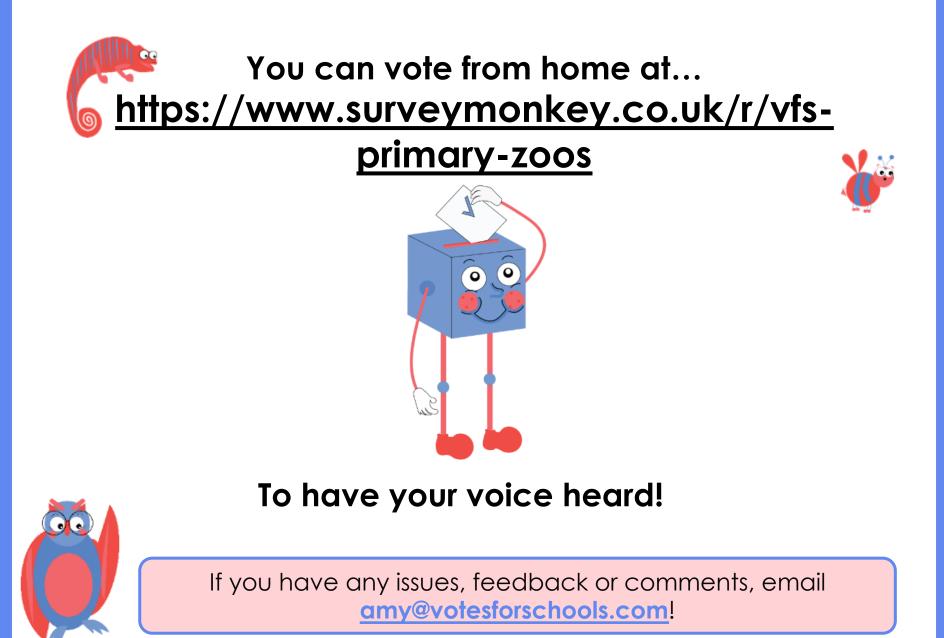
# Should we shut down zoos?



Yes	No
<ul> <li>Animals belong in the wild, not</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Some zoos do lots to look after</li></ul>
in cages!	animals and keep them safe.
<ul> <li>Some zoos don't look after the</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Zoos have saved some</li></ul>
animals properly.	animals from extinction!
<ul> <li>We can learn more from</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Zoos are fun places to go and</li></ul>
animal documentaries than	learn about animals from all
we can learn in zoos.	around the world.
<ul> <li>The animals can live in</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Zoos are a fun day out and a</li></ul>
sanctuaries and reserves,	nice way to spend time with
which are better than animals	your family, all learning
living in cages.	together!

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