



# Feedback: "Could you be a first settler on Mars?"



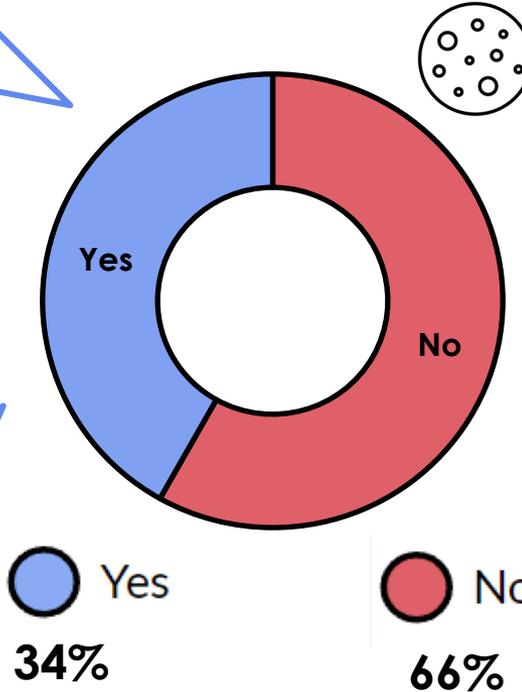
**"Because I want to be world famous and I'll be the first kid to go in space!"**  
Godolphin Junior School



**"If the Earth is destroyed I would create a new world for people who would need to come and escape from Earth."**  
Wellbourne Primary School



**"This topic has really inspired me!"**  
Orchards Church of England Academy



**"We should be focusing on saving our own planet before ruining another. If you go you would never come back and I would miss my family and friends. Also it could be very dangerous and I wouldn't want to be the first person to land and die on Mars."**  
Telferscot Primary School

**"I would not be the first settler on Mars because of the weather and it takes years to prepare for things like this."**  
Beam County Primary School



# Be informed!



Here's what's been in the news this week...

## Easing of lockdown



Last week, the Government announced that they will be **easing lockdown measures in England** with many shops opening in a few weeks.

Some year groups across the country have **gone back to school this week**, after lots of discussions from the Government, schools and teachers.

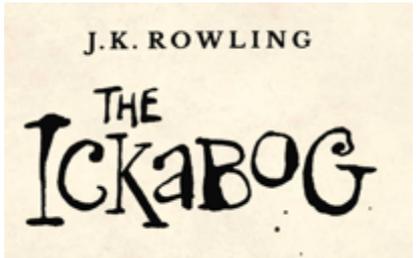
## Back to school?



Hundreds of **elephants** that were kept in zoos in Thailand have **been taken "home" to their village**. The elephants were **very happy** to return.



Harry Potter author JK Rowling is releasing chapters of a new book online each day. **Click here to read the story so far...**



## Elephants "going home"

## JK Rowling releases a free book!



# Starter: Iguana vs snakes



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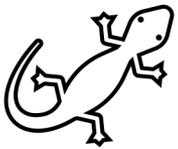
## Video task (3-4 mins)

[Click here](#) to watch the video  
and consider or discuss:

How did you feel while watching?

Who were you rooting for: the snakes or the iguana? Why?

Do you think that the person filming should've done something to help?



# Should we **shut down zoos**?





# Why are we talking about this?



Right now, **zoos across the country are closed** due to lockdown.

With no one buying tickets to visit, **zoos are running out of money that they need to feed and look after their animals.** The Government has given them funding, but zookeepers are still very worried.



Meanwhile, many animal lovers at home have been **watching live zoo cameras and catching up on the many documentaries** about the natural world.

But what will happen in the future? **Should zoos reopen, or is it time to shut them permanently?** This is what you will be discussing today...



# In the wild or in a zoo?



## Zoos vs the wild (10-15 mins)

Over the next five slides you are going to learn more about animals living in zoos and in the wild. As you read through, create a tally chart showing which one you think is better!

### Top tip:

To make a tally chart, add a line to award a point. When you get to four, add your fifth line diagonally, like this!

In the wild

In a zoo



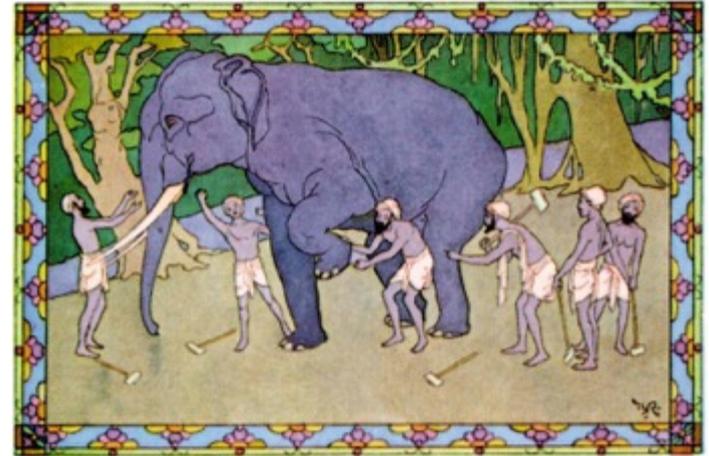
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# In the wild or in a zoo?

The first zoo opened in Ancient Egyptian times. The **animals were given lots of land and were fed the best food Egyptians could find**. People would come from all over Egypt to **worship** the animals.



Since then, **zoos have always looked after animals**. They often **take sick or endangered animals from the wild and care for them**, sometimes keeping them in the zoos and sometimes **releasing them back into the wild** when they are better.

**In the wild**

Based on this information, give a tally mark to the one you think is better.

**In a zoo**



# In the wild or in a zoo?

However, wild animals are **not supposed to live in zoos**. Lots of people say that it is **not fair to take animals away from their habitat** (home) and keep them in a different place.



Taking animals away from their habitats can also **cause more problems for animals that are left behind**, such as **breaking up animal families** or meaning that there is **not enough food for other animals**.



**In the wild**

**In a zoo**

Based on this information, give a tally mark to the one you think is better.



# In the wild or in a zoo?

But is life in the wild really better? Wild animals can be **hunted by humans and eaten by other animals**. Plus, **injured animals** without care **might not heal properly**.



Some people argue that this is **natural**, and we shouldn't get involved. They say that it **is better to be in the wild than be kept in enclosures which can be too small or boring for an animal**.

**In the wild**

**In a zoo**

Based on this information, give a tally mark to the one you think is better.



# In the wild or in a zoo?

Zoos can also **be dangerous to animals and humans**. Steve Irwin was an Australian zookeeper who died after he was injured by a sting ray while filming his TV show about the animals.



In 2016, a **3-year old child climbed into a gorilla enclosure** at a zoo. A gorilla, stressed by all the screaming and shouting, **dragged the boy up a ladder**. The zookeepers, who were worried about the boy's safety, **killed the gorilla**.

**In the wild**

Based on this information, give a tally mark to the one you think is better.

**In a zoo**



# In the wild or in a zoo?

Finally, many people argue that **humans have changed the wild** through farming, cutting down forests and building cities, making it **harder for wild animals to live**.



There is also much **more pollution and waste** in the wild which can harm animals, **whereas zoos create safe spaces for animals to live** without these dangers.

**In the wild**

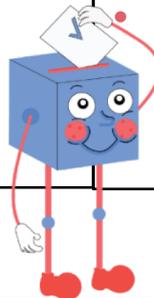
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**In a zoo**



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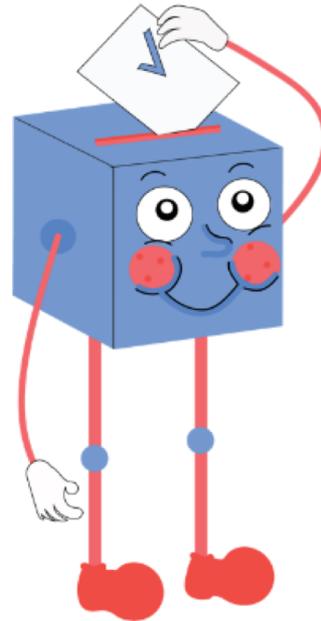
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoos can be too small and unnatural. Animals can get bored and not live a happy life in them.</li><li>• Zoos can be dangerous to humans and to animals, as we have seen in stories in the news.</li><li>• Removing endangered animals from the wild affects the other animals in the area too. Wild animals may not be able to find enough food or a mate.</li><li>• ...</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoos teach us so much about animals that you cannot learn from reading and TV.</li><li>• Zoos help to protect and breed many endangered animals which wouldn't survive in the wild.</li><li>• Zoos aren't just educational places, lots of them also adopt unwanted pets and treat wild animals that are unwell. This is very important.</li><li>• ...</li></ul>





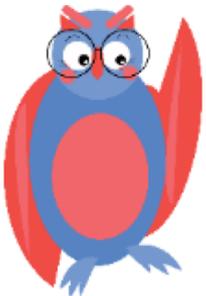
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<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vfs-primary-zoos>



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# Career Launchpad!



Lean more... And explore!

Want to get up close to your favourite animals? Using **explore.org**, you can watch animals live in their natural habitat. There are **live streams of birds, bears, African wildlife, and even live puppies and kittens!** Click the image and take your pick.



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## Career Spotlight:



Ever **fancied being a wildlife filmmaker?** While the shots used in documentaries such as *Dynasties* may look effortless, **there is a lot of waiting around in some very challenging conditions.** [Click here](#) to find out more and see if you might **have what it takes!**