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## FOURTH GRADERS ON ZOOS

DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

Every year millions of people visit zoological parks and aquariums where they can enjoy looking at animals which they probably could never see in the wild. It is a place of entertainment and education, but in my opinion zoos are bad for many reasons:

Firstly, zoos take animals out from their natural habitat. Normally, animals live happily in the wild with their families, but when people capture them they are separated from their homes. How would you feel if you couldn't be with your family anymore? Animals also suffer and feel sad and even may die younger when in the zoo.

Secondly, the animals in zoos don't

behave in a natural way, for example, dolphins or whales learn how to do tricks in marine parks. Also in zoos, people feed animals like lions or tigers with prepared food, and they don't learn how to hunt on their own, and they can't survive when they are released and come back to their natural habitat.

Moreover, not all zoological parks are big and clean. Some zoos keep the animals in bad conditions, and it has a bad effect in their physical and mental health. Animals like elephants or lions live in small cages where they cannot run and jump. Another example are chimps, which pluck their hair or bite themselves because of stress.



Others might think that zoos are good because they protect animals from extinction and that many new animals are born in zoos. However, most of them never go back in the wild.

In conclusion, I believe that it is a bad idea to keep animals in zoos. I think that even the best zoo cannot replace the natural habitat of the animals.

*Felipe Rosa Rusznica*

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## I accept zoos if they have proper conditions.

**M**y personal point on views on zoos is that I think they are acceptable, this means that they are good and I accept them, because they can become a space where animals can be happy and play. In zoos they eat and they are taken care of. They can be happy there. The reasons of what I think so, it is because animals are happy in some zoos, they have other friend



animals, they play, their diet is good and they also get to see some people around them, so they are not alone.

Some people may think that zoos are bad, because animals are in jails or cells, but that's not all true, some zoos have very big spaces and the animals are out in the air.

In my family, my sister believes zoos are terrible, but I think like in everything, that depends on the zoo.

In conclusion, zoos are good if they have the proper conditions, if they rescue animals, especially if they are endangered and if they have all animals outdoors and not jailed.

*Gara Acosta García*

## That's no way to treat animals.

My opinion about zoos is that they are not that good. Firstly, because the animals that live there are like us now, enclosed, and that is not fun. Secondly, because that is not way to treat animals. Thirdly because animals should live in their habitats: lions in savannas, tortoises near the beach and sharks in the ocean, not caged or in aquariums. And fourthly, because zoos separate animals from their wild life and families.

Others may think it is a good idea, because zoos are fun (and I don't deny it) but only for us, humans, not for animals. Others also may think some zoos give another opportunity to animals in bad conditions, and I also think that is good, but

In conclusion, although zoos also do good things, they are bad for animals.

*Giselle López Prieto*

## Animal jails.

In my opinion zoos are bad for animals because they are like jails. Firstly, animals don't have space to move and play. Secondly, they don't like to be around a lot of people, and thirdly they lose their survival instinct.

Some people may argue that zoos are good because you get to learn more about all kinds of animals, and you can also see them, for example animals from the Sahara.

But those reasons are only good for humans, and not for animals.

So, in conclusion, I believe zoos are bad for animals.

*Ehedej Jiménez Quintana*

## Zoos are not a bad idea.

In my opinion, zoos are not a bad idea, because they take care of the animals, we can learn new things about them and the animals are safe.

Certainly, in zoos we can see animals that we have never seen, we can learn lots of information of each animal and they can be free of the pollution and plastic (for example).

On the contrary, maybe some animals feel trapped. They need to be free, they can't be caged forever, because they are wild animals.

I feel that if zoos are able to have the animals in good conditions and animals do not feel trapped, if the zoo keepers take care of them it could be a nice place for learning about wild animals.

In conclusion. I believe zoos are not a bad idea.

*Laura Rodríguez Torres*

## Animals are dying.

I think that zoos are bad, because animals need to be in nature and not in a trapped area. Also zoos just use animals for money and attention to people, they don't care about animals, only making money.

Other people might think that zoos are good because we can learn more about animals and we can visit them, it is true, but when zoos don't take care of the animals, they die. Animals are dying. Scientist can study about them in nature and we can learn about them on our own.

I think we all should be nice and help animals by not going to zoos.

*Camila Santos Pérez*

## Animals are not toys.

I don't like zoos because they have animals in little spaces and in their wild habitats they have a lot of space.

When animals are injured they must be in the veterinary and not in the zoo.

Zoos only want animals so they can make money, and they constantly make animals do what they want so we can see them and enjoy the show, but only so we pay, and I believe that is wrong.

There are people that believe zoos are good with animals.

I think animals are like people, they have the same rights, they are not toys.

People should be less selfish and not only think on themselves.

*Carolina García Rovira*

## Animals need space.

I believe that the zoo is a bad place, because animals don't have space to live, they are not in their homes and natural habitats, and they don't learn how to hunt or take care of themselves.

Obviously, this means animals don't have the same quality of life and experience they would have in the wild.

On the contrary, some animals may live longer lives inside zoos, but feeling really bad been locked in a cage. I can admit zoos are fun, you can enjoy, but only us, humans, not the animals.

Another good thing about zoos is that they can protect animals in danger of extinction (for example the white tiger in the Loro Parque) also aquariums, so animals don't have to live with the pollution because of plastic we create.

Despite the positive things zoos can do for some animals, I strongly believe they are not the best way to take care of animals.

*Jaime Suárez Díaz*

## Zoos protect animals.

In my opinion, zoos are good for animals, because they help animals, they help them survive if they are in danger of extinction, and when they are better, they are released back in their natural habitat.

On the contrary, the animals can't run, be in nature for long time and people can throw trash to their cages.

However, all that can be limited, zoos are getting bigger and bigger and if they save animal lives it is always better and more important, so I think zoos are good because the job they do to protect animals.

*Julia Pérez Betancourt*

## Animals can die from sadness.

If we go to a zoo, we can see different types of animals without going to another country, but in my opinion, zoos should not exist.

Firstly, animals can die of sadness, or suffer mental or physical damages. Secondly, zoos should not exist because in these places animals can feel like they are living in a prison, because they are not in their real homes, their natural habitats.

However, some people believe that zoos can be educative for children, because they are taught how to feed animals and they think that animals can have a better life if they live in a zoo.

In conclusion, zoos can be considered as a good place by some people, but bad by others, that is why we should only think about animals feel better.

*Antonella Díaz Rodríguez*

## Zoos need improvement.

In my opinion, zoos can be both really bad or good, here are the reasons.

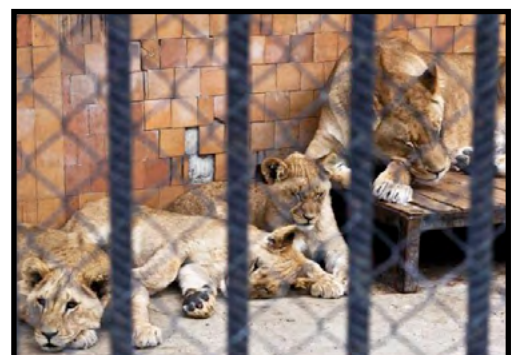
Firstly, they can be bad because they have animals locked up and the animals can't be happy there.

But they can also be positive because they are fun and families and kids enjoy their time and can learn about many different species.

Others may say zoos are just really good for animals, but you can't ignore that these animals are locked and caged. Maybe they can have animals in zoos for just one year and later release them back to their natural habitats, that way it will be much better.

In conclusion, if zoos change a bit and improve the animal's lives, it would be much better.

*Sonia Brewer Hoyos*



## Animals shouldn't be in zoos.

There are a lot of zoos around the world. Some people think they are good, and some other that are bad. In my opinion, zoos are bad. I do think they are not the best places because the animals are locked in cages, they can't breathe, they can't live freely with other animals, they are alone and when they are in zoos animals are sad.

On the contrary, some people think zoos are good, because they like to see animals, and they think animals are protected and they live calm in small places. I think they are wrong, animals must live in their own habitats. Animals don't want to be in small places. Animals will be calmer if they live in their own habitats, more spacious areas.

In conclusion, people have different opinions, but I think animals should not be in zoos.

*María Risueño Rodríguez de Azero*

## Who wants to see sad animals?

I believe zoos are bad because all animals are in a kind of jail, and I don't like seeing them sad, without energy. They should be in their natural habitats, doing whatever they want and going wherever they want to. The animals are taken away from their families, the zoos pull away members of animal families. Also, some animals are sad because they don't have more



members of the same species to interact and pay with. Lastly, I think that zoos are horrible because the animals have to obey and do what humans told them to do, and they can't choose to do it or not. Also sometimes the zookeepers can leave animals without food so they do the shows and are hungry for the prizes.

Others may think that zoos are good, because they can see animals, and some monkeys are very funny, they can enjoy the shows and have lunch there, I have to recognise it is a bit funny, but there are always more bad reasons that good ones, and I think that treating animals well it is more important than having fun.

*Violeta García Jorge*

## Zoos can positive and negative.

I feel that zoos have both positive and negative things. Firstly, the animals are like in a big box, caged. But they can be saved from pollution or other predators because of it. Secondly, we can enjoy with them and learn about their habitats. But animals can be happy or sad in the zoo.

Some people may argue that zoos are only bad, because animals are sad and caged, but without a doubt, some zoos are not, because they help animals and place them in big boxes and not small ones.

In conclusion, I believe zoos can be positive and negative.

*Alonso Gómez Camacho*

## They must protect animals.

I think zoos are good, but only if they protect the animals. Firstly, I think zoos are good places because most of them protect their animals. Secondly, they allow you to learn more about animal species. Thirdly, zoos protect animals in danger of extinction. And lastly, they allow scientist to study their behaviour.

Others may think that zoos are terribly bad, because animals do not coexist in their natural habitat, but I believe that's what most zoos are trying to do, to recreate the habitat and protect animals from danger.

In conclusion, I think zoos are a good thing if they make sure they protect animals and help us learn more about all kinds of animals.

*Clemente Monzó Ledesma*

## Animal happiness first.

I believe zoos are a bad idea, because they feel like a sad place. I think they are terrible because as evidence, animals are not in their own habitat, and I believe it is obvious that animals must be in the wild.

Others may think zoos are a good option but I think it is clear that animals feel sad, and although it is nice to see them, their happiness should be more important.

In conclusion, zoos are bad places for animals.

*Ezequiel Pérez Reina*

## Zoos are jails for animals.

In my opinion, I'm convinced that zoological parks aren't good. I think they are bad for nature, animals, and humans. The reasons for which I believe, without a doubt, that zoological parks are terrible places are: Firstly, because they 'jail' animals or place them in really small cages with "recreations of their habitats." Secondly, they put big glasses so people can see them. Certainly, animals become mad and nervous because of the way some people treat them and living in zoos and enclosed, it is probably harder than in nature, and clearly that is not good, animals rather be free in their natural habitats.

Others may think, however, that zoos are good. They may say so because zoos protect endangered animals, or because they have fun watching all sorts of shows. But to support my opinion, and as a rebuttal, I believe nobody believes animals are happy or they feel good in small places, I think we all agree that is just wrong.

So in conclusion, I definitely believe zoos are bad places for animals.

*Jorge Sujanani Hernández*



## Zoos are amazing places.

I believe zoos are amazing places. Firstly, I think zoos are good because people that visits them enjoy their time, and they get to see all this fantastic and different animals, and that it's definitely cool. Secondly, there are lots of people that think animals are locked, but I think they are wrong.



All zoos are increasing the space animals have, adding natural sounds and introducing elements of their natural environments.

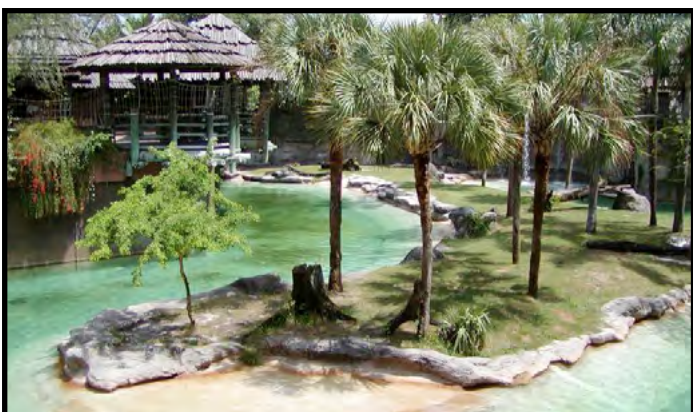
Thirdly, zookeepers help endangered animals reproduce. For example, in 1982, there were only 22 California Condors, and thanks to zoo programs there are more than 300 of them today.

The fourth reason is that thanks to zoos animal behaviour is studied. And last and fifth reason is that thanks to the existence of zoos, the human beings realise how fragile animals are, and how important is to preserve their habitat.

On the contrary, some people believe that zoos are bad, because there are many wild animals in them and they can attack visitors, but obviously zoos have enough barriers to protect and separate humans from animals. But why would animals attack you if you are not attacking or disturbing them?

Definitely, and as a conclusion, I believe zoos are good places when they protect animals and allow scientist to study them, and they should be in all places.

*Andrea Monzón Ledesma*



## Unacceptable conditions for marine animals.

I believe that is a bad idea to have animals in zoos. I think so, because animals are never going to have enough space to live and move freely. Instead of their natural habitats, they have to live in fake small cages. In zoos, animals are not treated well, for example, dolphins or orcas in the 'Loro Parque' are forced to do performances every day, whereas if they were out in



their natural habitats they would be swimming freely. I simply don't like that marine animals are treated badly.

Other people might say zoos treat animals good, in shelters, they take care of their needs and it is an entertainment for the people, and if you only see it that way, it might be right, but you must also think on the animals and how they suffer the consequences of having them locked.

In conclusion, I believe the most important thing are the animals and they cannot suffer just because we want to see them

*Elena Hernández Viera*

## Dangerous jails.

I believe that zoos are bad for animals because they are in jail and they need space because some of them are big, like an elephant or tiny like a mouse.

Animals also need to be in their natural habitats. Another reason for which I think zoos are not good places is that I think animals feel sad because they now live in another place and they are not with their families. Last but not least, animals in some cases can be very dangerous, and can escape or when a zookeeper goes and feeds, for example a lion, he can be attacked by this animal. It is simply dangerous.

Others may think or say that zoos are good for animals because they can go and see animals that they would not be able to see otherwise, but they are not conscious that the animals are in jails, and nobody wants to live in one.

In conclusion, I think that zoos are bad, animals should not be jailed and they can put people in danger.

*Carlos Cabeza de Herrera Morales*

## Big NO for zoos.

In my opinion, zoos are bad. As evidence, you can see that animals are not allowed to be free or with their families, or that they can be touched and they don't like that.

Some people may argue that are good, but they are not, animals have to be free,

In conclusion, zoos are bad.

*Alexandro Auletta Alberto*



## Zoos are not a bad idea.

I believe that zoos are good for us and bad for the animals.

They are good for us, humans, because we can learn about all different types of animal species, we can see them and we can take photos with them.

But zoos are bad for animals because they are in jails, they are not well fed and when the animal babies are borned, they are not borned in freedom, but rather caged ,and they stay like this for all their life, and that is simply horrible.

Some might think the zoos just good, but the truth is you must think about animals too, and how they also suffer.

But well, there are some things we cannot change. In other words the zoos are good and bad at the same time.

*Sabina González Guillén*

## Zoos and suffering.

In my opinion, I believe zoos are a bad idea. Firstly, animals do not enough space. Secondly, they are in what looks like 'rooms' for animals. Thirdly they are behind bars. Also, they are not in their natural habitat, and finally it is not fun to watch animals suffer.

Others may think zoos are great, because animals can have their own space and other animals cannot eat their food. They say animals have their own schedules, for example, to eat, to run, for training, to have free time....

Others may also think having zoos opened is good because some zoos don't have cages (so animals aren't behind bars) and they have more space and they can run and move more freely, almost like been in the savanna, and I do agree with that. And last, but not least, some may say they are good because some animals are born there, and releasing them in the wild is dangerous, they are not use to it.

But, without a doubt, I don't like zoos because animals should always be in their natural habitat.

*Nicole Nicker Guerra*

## Animals should be free.

Those who visit and go to zoos, think that the animals like to be there, but I believe that animals should be in the forest, not in a cage.

Others may say that children are happy going to see the animals, but have they stopped and think about the animals? Is their life, not the children's.

Other may also say animals have food and much more fun and in nature, but in my opinion animals living in their habitat, like forests or the oceans, would have to hunt on their own and learn how to survive, which inside a zoo they can't, and would never learn how to survive on their own.

*Cristina Sosa Toledo*



## Two words: Natural Habitat.

I think that zoos are not good for animals because they are all day in cages, enclosed in jails, and just because people want to see them.

They need to live in their natural habitats and need to know how to survive on their own, not by having people feeding them. Animals should also be with their families, and when they are captured, they taken away from them. Some may say zoos are good, because they are institution that protect animals, but I believe it is all wrong, they should never leave their natural habitat.

*Aday Febles Pérez*

## Zoos.

I believe that animals should be free because it is not fair that they are locked and caged for 24 hours, but in the other hand, zoos protect animals from hunters, so they are not killed for the fur.

*Chej Ramdan Hamdi*

## Are they good? Are they bad?

If you ask me, zoos are places where animals don't want to be, they would rather be free.

Zoo creators are bad and mean people and they never really stop and think about the animals. It is horrible! But zoos have also make some important work.

Other may think zoos are a good example, that we can only get to see wild animals in the zoos, but there is also internet or the TV.

It is true that not all zoos are bad, and some of them are bit and treat animals good.

I would like to finish with some questions: *Are all zoos the same? Some animals in zoos, when there is less visitors they feel less stressed and unhappy. What would happen if all zoos close down? Are zoos really that important?*

*Mauro Pérez Sosa*