**Do animals belong in zoos?**

**For:**

Zoos can be important. Here are a few reasons why:

* Sometimes animals are helped to recover from ill health or injury, when they would just be left to die in the wild
* Rescue animals from wildlife poachers
* Rescue old circus animals that have been neglected by their owners
* Global conservation programmes
* Breeding programmes to save species from extinction
* Global scientific research
* Research diseases in wildlife, (including coronaviruses) and how they might spread from animal to animal between animals and humans
* Education – to give people the opportunity to learn about wildlife, the challenges they face and how we can help them

**Against:**

Zoos can be bad. Here are a few reasons why:

* Animals do not belong in zoos because the wild is their home, it would be like locking people in a cage.
* In some zoos the enclosures are very small and the animals do not have enough space
* The animals are not kept in their natural habitat
* Some zoos are not kept to the right standard and are not clean
* The animals might be lonely
* The animals might not like people staring at them all day

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| elephant | baboon | polar bear | python snake |
| giraffe | penguin | gorilla | lion |

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|  | **Zoo at home** | **Zoo in Iceland** |
| 1 | lion | penguin |
| 2 | gorilla | Polar bear |
| 3 | baboon | elephant |
| 4 | Python snake | gorilla |
| 5 | giraffe | baboon |
| 6 | elephant | giraffe |
| 7 | penguin | Python snake |
| 8 | Polar bear | lion |

A penguin and a polar bear would like it in Iceland because there is snow and cold temperatures. It does depend on the type of penguin though because you can get African ones, which like a hot habitat.

A: lion, gorilla, baboon, python snake, giraffe and an elephant would however not like it in Iceland because it would be too cold and there would be no greenery.

**Elephant-**

**Needs**

Space, water, grass- lots of food

**Baboon-**

**Needs**

Trees, climbing frames

**Polar Bear**

**Needs**

Water, meat, space

**Python Snake**

**Needs**

Warmth, dark,

**Giraffe**

**Needs**

Trees, water, space

**Penguin**

**Needs**

Water, fish, cold or warm

**Gorilla**

**Needs**

Food, trees, shade, space, family-group

**Lion**

**Needs**

Space, meat, special cage protect public