

## ESLEO

### Persuasive Essay Writing: Zoos

**QUESTION:** Every year, **millions** of people visit zoos **around the world**. But some people believe that zoos are **inhumane** and that animals should not be kept in **captivity**. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Use **specific** reasons and examples to support your position.

**Read the question carefully, so that you understand what you are expected to write!!**

**What do I need to write?**

What is a zoo? What kind of animals are kept in zoos?

Where do we find zoos? Which countries have banned zoos? Why?

What is the purpose of zoos? Why do we go?

What do people think about zoos?

What do you think about zoos?

Can zoos be a happy safe place for animals? (Whether or not you agree with these issues, you must address them!)

**Explain your opinion.** Either expand on the issues above by showing how true they are, OR dispel these ideas by showing that they are not true. (giving examples that prove that these ideas are incorrect) If you disagree with the ideas presented, present an alternative way of looking at the issue (ie. the benefits of zoos)

**What do I think?** What can I say that supports my opinions? ( specific evidence is required!) Think about specific animals and how they are treated in a zoo vs their life in the wild, or specific cases where there have been problems at zoos

**Words to know** Natural habitat /environment

- confinement
- Captivity
- Reserve
- Conservation
- Enclosure
- endangered
- Extinct
- (un)Ethical
- (zoo)keeper
- Unnatural
- Looked after/ cared for

**Try to use these words and others in your essay.**

**What other words related to the topic can you think of?**