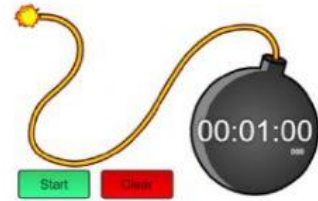


# Are Zoos a Good Thing?

## Warm-up: Brainstorming!

- In one minute, write all the words you can think of related to zoos. Go!



## Listening: Are Zoos Good or Bad for Animals?

- Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DIBJlahU1g> . Listen to the video and complete the table with the words provided:



education      bad zoos

science advances      protect nature

captivity      stress

save animals in the wild

health problems

Pros	Cons

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2. Let's talk numbers! Complete the sentences with numbers from the listening:

- The earliest zoos appeared in \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
- The first "modern" zoos appeared in the early \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the USA, over \_\_\_\_\_ people visit zoos and aquariums every year.
- Zoos and aquariums have provided over \_\_\_\_\_ studies about animals.
- In 1982, there were only \_\_\_\_\_ California condors in the wild. In 2019, there are \_\_\_\_\_ of them flying free.

### Reading: Zoos, pros & cons

3. Read the text and write the words in **bold** next to their definitions:

How did zoos become a thing?

Humans have been capturing and displaying exotic animals for thousands of years. The first zoos appeared Ancient in Egypt, where rulers kept hippos, elephants, **baboons**, and different species of large cats. These early zoos were just a way for kings to compete with other kings. Modern zoos, where the public can come and watch animals acting normal, didn't exist until the early 1800s.

What are the arguments in favor of having zoos?

Zoos may be great entertainment, but their big goal is to educate the public about wildlife and what we can do to protect them. Zoo animals are sort of like **ambassadors** for their counterparts in the wild. Zoos also contribute to scientific **research**. In addition, zoos work really hard to save animals that are in danger in the wild. Zoos can take at-risk animals, **breed** them in captivity, and then reintroduce them back into the wild.

What are the arguments for NOT having zoos?

Zoos have their problems. Not all zoos are the same. Some are clean and well built, others aren't. And for many people, nothing justifies keeping animals captive. That captivity can be really bad for both physical and psychological health. And while zoos have been really helpful in saving endangered animals, it doesn't work out for certain species.

\_\_\_\_\_ : to have babies

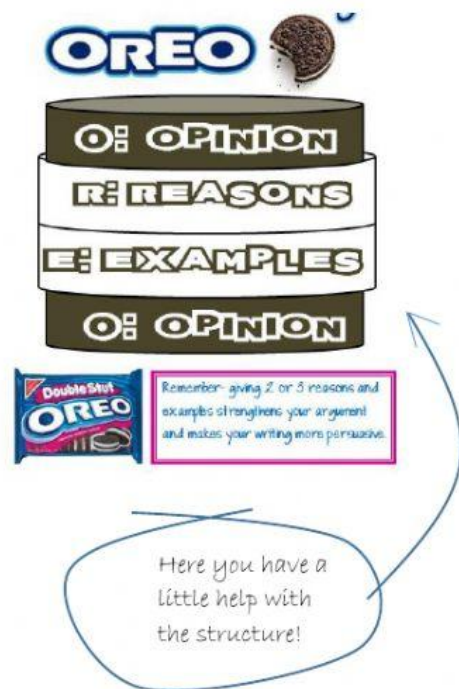
\_\_\_\_\_ : a species of monkey

\_\_\_\_\_ : a person who lives in a foreign country and represents his/her country

\_\_\_\_\_ : a scientific investigation

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4. Answer the questions:
  - a. Where did the first zoos appear?
  - b. What are three good things about zoos?
  - c. Why can captivity be bad for animals?
  
5. With all the information you have learnt here, write a short composition about your opinion about zoos and send it to your teacher. Remember that writings need to have an structure (that is, introduction, body and conclusion)! Don't forget to include:
  - a. How do you think that zoos will be in the future?
  - b. What are you going to do regarding zoos?
  - c. Will you visit a zoo any time?



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