Should Zoos Exist?

Seviye B2 · Konuşma · Okuma

Warm-up

- When did you last visit a zoo? How did you feel?
- Which wild animal would you most like to see in nature?

Reading

Supporters of zoos say that modern zoos protect endangered species. Some animals that disappeared in the wild were saved by breeding programmes in zoos. Zoos also help scientists study animals and teach millions of visitors about nature.

Critics argue that even the best zoo cannot give an elephant or a tiger the space it needs. Animals in small enclosures can become bored and stressed. They suggest that money should be spent on protecting natural habitats instead.

Between these views are wildlife sanctuaries, which take care of injured animals that cannot return to the wild.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
endangered	nesli tükenmekte olan	*The snow leopard is an endangered species.*
breeding programme	üretme programı	*The zoo has a breeding programme for pandas.*
enclosure	muhafaza alanı, kafes	*The lions have a large enclosure.*
habitat	yaşam alanı	*Forests are the natural habitat of bears.*

sanctuary	koruma alanı, barınak	*The injured bird was taken to a sanctuary.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Second Conditional: If + Past, would + V1	If zoos closed, some species would disappear.
Varsayım	If I were an elephant, I would want more space.

Discussion

1. If zoos closed tomorrow, what would happen to the animals?
2. Are sanctuaries a good compromise?
3. Should circuses with animals be banned?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. What is one argument FOR zoos?

   a) Animals get bored
   b) They protect endangered species
   c) Enclosures are small
   d) They are expensive

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. If zoos _____ (close), some animals would have nowhere to go.

3. If I were a tiger, I _____ (want) more space.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. The text says sanctuaries care for injured animals. ( )

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

5. Write 5–6 sentences answering: Should zoos exist? Use at least one second conditional sentence.

Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

6. Debate: Choose a side and give two arguments in one minute.