

Code: Model Composition 2b

Type: Essay / Article: For and Against – Two sided issue

Topic: “Should wild animals be kept in zoos?”

(Introduce the two sides of the topic)

Some people claim that it is cruel to keep wild animals in cages while others believe that the zoos are the only way we have to come into contact with some rare species of the animal kingdom. There is something to be said for both sides.

(The arguments of the one side)

The opponents of the zoos say that it is completely unnatural to keep huge wild animals in restricted cages. Even if the restricted areas look like their natural habitat the animals feel depressed. Moreover, the visitors cannot appreciate the beauty of these creatures when they see an African lion next to an Antarctica penguin.

(The arguments of the other side)

On the other hand, the proponents support that the zoos can protect endangered species and offer environmental education to young people. There are zoos that help endangered animals to breed and then they take them back to their natural environment. What is more, most of the city kids would have never had the chance to see tropical or exotic creatures if it weren't for the zoos.

(Conclusion and your opinion)

Considering all the above, it is clear that the advantages of the zoos outweigh their disadvantages. As long as the animals are kept in good conditions the zoos have a lot to offer.

(200 words)

Useful phrases for opinion essays:

- It is often said that...
- Many people claim
 - think
 - believe
 - support that...
- From an environmental point of view...
 - a political point of view...
 - a financial point of view...
- One of the main advantages is...
- Another (dis) advantage is...
- On the other hand...

Linkers to add more points (και, επιπλέον, επίσης)

First (of all)	Moreover
Second	Furthermore
Third	What is more
Next	In addition to this
Then	Needless to say that
Finally	To make matters worse

Linkers to show contrast (όμως, ωστόσο, παρόλα αυτά)

Although	However
Even though	Nevertheless
Though	Nonetheless
Despite (the fact that)	
In spite of (the fact that)	

Linkers to show result (επομένως, κατά συνέπεια)

Therefore	As a result
Thus	As a consequence