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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### Should animals be kept in zoos?

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/4jzfNSP>

**1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

**2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

**3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. Which city zoo did five lions escape from in 2022?
  - a) Rome
  - b) Sydney
  - c) Rio
  
2. What does 'conservation' aim to protect?
  - a) human rights
  - b) taxpayers
  - c) animals and the natural world
  
3. "Dad really didn't want to do a bungee jump with the kids. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ to go"
  - a) reticent
  - b) reluctant
  - c) reduced
  
4. Which idiom describes 'an activity which requires two people who are willing to be actively involved for it to succeed'?
  - a) put your best foot forward
  - b) it takes two to tango
  - c) footloose and fancy-free
  
5. Which word is closest in meaning to 'mimic'?
  - a) imitate
  - b) sing
  - c) criticise

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6. Which term means 'repeated, purposeless behaviour performed by captive animals because of the stress of being confined'?

- a) erratic behaviour
- b) PTSD
- c) zoochosis

**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**

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**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

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- a. conservation – the protection of plants, animals and the natural world from damage done by humans
- b. reluctant – not willing, and therefore hesitant, to do something
- c. it takes two to tango – (idiom) used to emphasise that an activity needs two people who are willing to be actively involved for it to succeed
- d. abnormal – different from what would normally be expected, in a bad way
- e. zoochosis – repeated purposeless behaviour performed by captive animals in response to the stress of being confined, including pacing, head-bobbing and swaying
- f. mimic – copy or imitate

5. 1b, 2c, 3b, 4b, 5a, 6c

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.