



Reading - Level 1

Learning Intention: Use texts to gather information and form an opinion.

Read 'The Zoo Debate' by Philippa Werry.

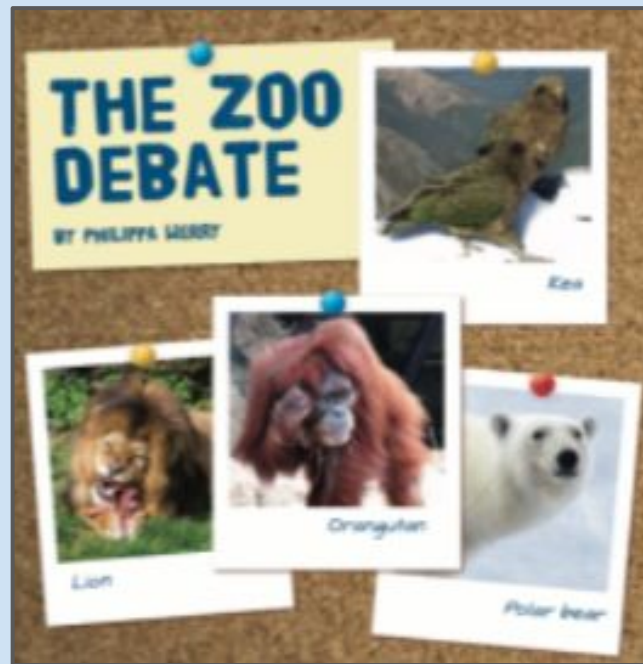
The decision was made in April this year to rehome Burma and Anjalee (the elephants in Auckland Zoo) to a zoo in Australia. The date has not yet been set.

Questions:

Why do you think this decision was made?

Do you agree with this decision? Why/why not?

Have any animals recently moved to Auckland Zoo from elsewhere?



Do some research about why zoos transfer animals to different zoos. Find 5 interesting facts about this process and share on Seesaw.

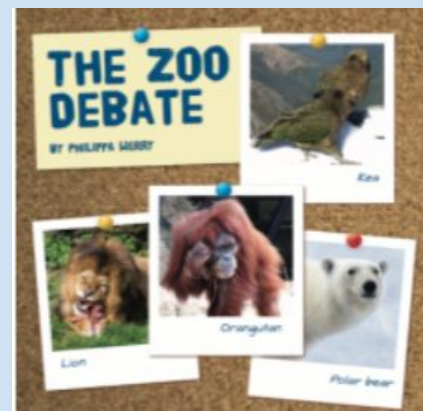


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What do you think?

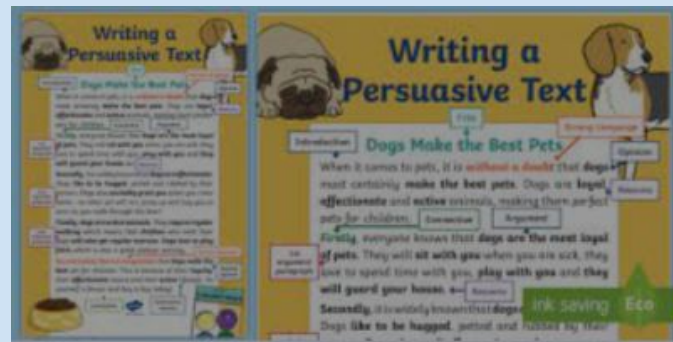
What is your opinion on zoos? Do you think they should exist?

Write a persuasive piece of writing to argue your point of view. You can click on the picture to check the main points of 'The Zoo Debate'. The link below is a poster with an example of a persuasive text to help you.



Don't forget to include:

- Paragraphs (you will need 5 altogether).
- An introduction with your point of view.
- Three reasons with supporting evidence.
- A conclusion, restating your argument.
- Emotive (strong) language.





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Design an elephant habitat

Imagine you have been invited to design a brand new habitat for their elephants. The one they currently have is too small and doesn't provide the elephants with any enrichment or stimulation (things to keep them busy, happy, and healthy).

The picture to the right is a plan of the ape habitat at Johannesburg Zoo in South Africa.

In your design you must include:

- A sleeping area
- A water hole/pool
- An eating area
- Things to play with
- Labels of the above

You will need to do a bit of research about elephant habitat and diet.





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Read 'Sharks' by Philippa Werry.

Quiz time!

Using the information in the article, create a quiz (between 5 and 10 questions) about sharks. You can use a mixture of multichoice, true/false, and open/closed questions. (Open questions require an answer. Closed questions are answered with yes or no.)

Example

What is shark hide made of?

- a) Skin
- b) Scales
- c) Feathers
- d) Fur

Quiz someone in your family and put your quiz on Seesaw (SS) for your teacher or you might like to turn your quiz into a Kahoot!





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What do you think?

'Sharks Under Attack' on page 41 explains how sharks get a pretty bad rap. Most people are scared of sharks and we all know the reasons, but the last page gives lots of reasons why sharks should not be feared, and be protected instead.

What do you think? Should sharks be feared or protected?

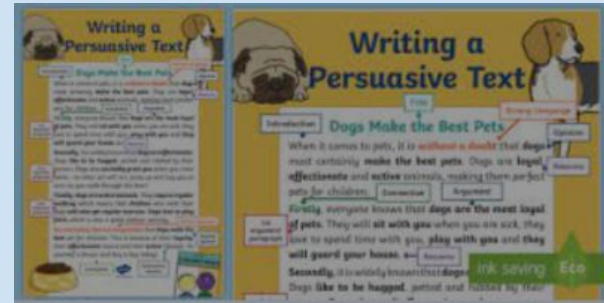
Write a short persuasive piece of writing to argue your point of view.

You can click on the picture to read the article again and the link below is a poster with an example of a persuasive text to help you.



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Shark Species in our Seas

Aotearoa is home to several species of shark. The Otago Daily Times article below lists 12 of the most common sharks and has some interesting facts about each. The Animal Fun Facts link will also provide you with interesting information about sharks. You might need to do some extra research to complete the task below.

Find out which species of shark **that can be found in New Zealand...**

- is the largest/longest?
- is the heaviest?
- can swim the fastest?
- can jump the highest?
- is the most common?
- is the smallest?

Otago Daily Times





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Read 'Sugar, Dear?'

Click on the link to read the New Zealand Geographic Article about the 'Tea Party Chimps'.

Record any words you are unsure about and find the meanings.

Janie, the last surviving Tea Party Chimp, died in 2013 at 60 years of age.

What other information can you find out about the Tea Party Chimps? Talk to older members of your

family such as parents and grandparents. Do they remember the chimps? Did they ever see them in person at the zoo? What did they think about it at the time? What do they think about it now? Share their memories on Seesaw (SS).





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The PG Tips chimps are another example of chimpanzees performing entirely for human entertainment. Click on the link to watch a very old advertisement.

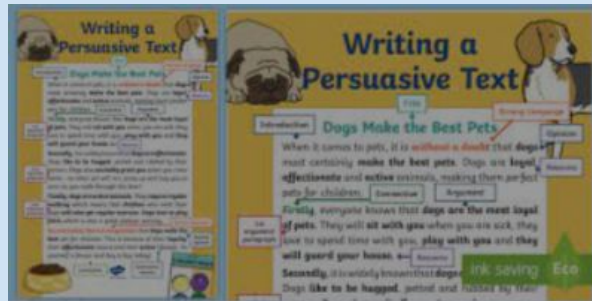
What do you think? Should wild animals be used to provide entertainment for people?

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Chimpanzee Conservation

Dame Jane Goodall, is a primatologist, born on April 3, 1934 in London, England. She has devoted her life to the research on, and conservation of, the chimpanzees of Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania.

Click on the image below to read an interview with Dr Jane Goodall on the NatGeoKids website.

Find out more

Chimpanzees are classified endangered. What are the main threats to their survival? List the threats and put them on Seesaw (SS).

What can we do to help?

Pop your ideas on Seesaw (SS). You might like to do this in video format.

