

EXPLAINING YOUR OPINION

1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- Do you prefer to learn about animals from books, documentaries or real life?
- Do you enjoy spending time with animals? Why? / Why not?

2 Work with a partner. Look at photos A, B and C. Discuss which photos each sentence refers to and why.

- The animals are in captivity.
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- The animals are in their natural habitat.
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- The animals shown are endangered.
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- The animals shown are domesticated.
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- The place shown might contribute to animal conservation.
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- The people are learning about the animals.
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- The people have a relationship with the animals.
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- The animals benefit from being in this place.
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3 Read two questions about the photos. Then read Pavel's answer. Which question does he answer?

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I'd like you to compare two of the pictures and say why the people might be doing these things and how they might be feeling.

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I'd like you to compare two of the pictures and say in what ways the people are learning about animals and how the animals might benefit from the situations.

Pavel: I'm going to talk about the first and second photos. I feel the people in both photos are learning about animals. The reason I say this is because in both cases, they are able to observe the animals close-up and see how they behave – for example how they feed and how they interact with their environment. One important difference between the photos is that the first one shows people seeing animals in captivity, whereas the second shows them watching animals in their natural habitat. In the first photo, it looks as if the people are feeling really excited to be seeing a gorilla up close. After all, I'm pretty sure they wouldn't have any other opportunity to see a real live gorilla, and it's definitely more exciting for them than just watching wildlife documentaries. I think the people in the second photo must feel excited, and they might feel lucky, too. Why I think that is that very few people get the chance to see wild animals like these in their natural wild habitat. It must be really thrilling to go on a safari like that and come across a herd of elephants! I guess they may also feel a little scared, since these are very large animals and can be dangerous.

KEY LANGUAGE FOR COMPARING PHOTOS AND EXPLAINING YOUR OPINION

Comparing photos

The people in both photos ... One important difference between the photos is ... In the first photo ..., whereas the second shows ...

Speculating about the photos

It looks as if/though ... (I guess) he/she/they might/may/must feel that ... I think he/she/they must feel ... I'm pretty sure they ... They must surely ...

Explaining your opinion

The reason I say this is ... Why I think that is ... Since ...

Adding more information

After all, ... In other words, ...

- 4 Read the *Key Language* box. Which expressions does Pavel use in his comparison in Exercise 3?

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- 5 Complete the sentences comparing and speculating about Photos A and C with the correct word from the box.

both looks might pretty surely whereas

- In photos, the animals have been taken out of their natural habitat.
- I suppose the people feel that zoos are a good way to protect endangered species.
- In the first photo, the animal is kept in an enclosure, the other photo shows the animal outside, in the street.
- It as if the monkey is enjoying being held by the girl.
- I'm sure the owner wouldn't take it out if it was likely to bite people.
- The owner must feel proud to have such an unusual pet.

- 6 Complete the sentences with one word in each space.

- The monkeys seem quite happy with the girl. The I say this is that it isn't trying to escape.
- The animals aren't free. In words, the animals are being kept in captivity in some way.
- I'm sure a lot of people will ask the owner about her unusual pet. I think that is other people probably think it is really cute.
- After you don't see monkeys in people's arms every, day!

- 7 Look at the photos below and read the questions. Choose two photos to talk about and plan how you will answer the questions.

- In what ways are the people enjoying green environments in their city?
- How do you think they are feeling?



- 8 Work in pairs. Take turns to compare two of the photos and answer the questions. Remember to speculate about the photos, giving reasons and adding information. Use phrases from the *Key Language* box.

ACTIVE LISTENING

Listen while your partner is speaking. Which words and phrases from the *Key Language* box does he/she use?

- 9 In pairs, discuss the questions.

- How important are green spaces in cities? Why?
- In what ways can green spaces in cities help people learn about and appreciate the natural world?