



For and against banning wild animals in circuses

<p>As the circus tours the country, many thousands of people will see wild animals. These people may never see them otherwise.</p>	<p>Circuses that don't use wild animals are still great fun for everyone.</p>
<p>The circus says that working with the animals stimulates their intelligence and it keeps the animals fit and agile.</p>	<p>Although they may look like they're having fun, the animals do not enjoy doing tricks; they are forced to do them. If they don't do them right, they may be punished.</p>
<p>Going to the circus is much cheaper than going on safari.</p>	<p>To really learn about these animals, we need to see them in their natural, wild habitats.</p>
<p>In the England, circuses are inspected three times a year (at least one unannounced).</p>	<p>Wild animals can be dangerous to members of the public. There have been very many incidents involving animal attacks and escapes from circuses.</p>
<p>Some circuses are very old. They have always used wild animals so why should they stop now?</p>	<p>Circus animals only spend a few hours a day out of their cages. They have to eat, sleep and even go to the toilet in their small cages for the rest of their time.</p>
<p>It is amazing to see all the tricks that the circus trainers can get the animals to do.</p>	<p>Circus animals are transported from location to location in cramped conditions. This can be very stressful for them.</p>
	<p>Animals in circuses can become depressed, pacing around or swaying from side to side. Sometimes they even harm themselves.</p>

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Persuasive Writing

Tips for a writing a persuasive letter:

- Power of three
- Emphasis
- Rhetorical questions
- Say again
- Undermine opposing views with facts
- Anecdote
- Direct address
- Emotive language

(Your address)

(Date)

Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
Westminster
London
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Dear Prime Minister,

Introduction, for example:

I am writing to you about the use of wild animals in circuses. Scotland have already banned using wild animals in circuses, so why hasn't England?

Main paragraphs

Choose your three to five of your strongest arguments, for example:

Around the world, thousands of wild animals are used in circuses and forced to perform unnatural tricks to entertain the public. Wild animals in circuses can become depressed, pacing around or swaying from side to side. Sometimes they even harm themselves.

Final paragraph

Summarise your main arguments and finish with a powerful statement.

Yours sincerely,

(Your name)



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The animals do not enjoy doing tricks; they are forced to do them. If they don't do them right, they may be punished.



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