

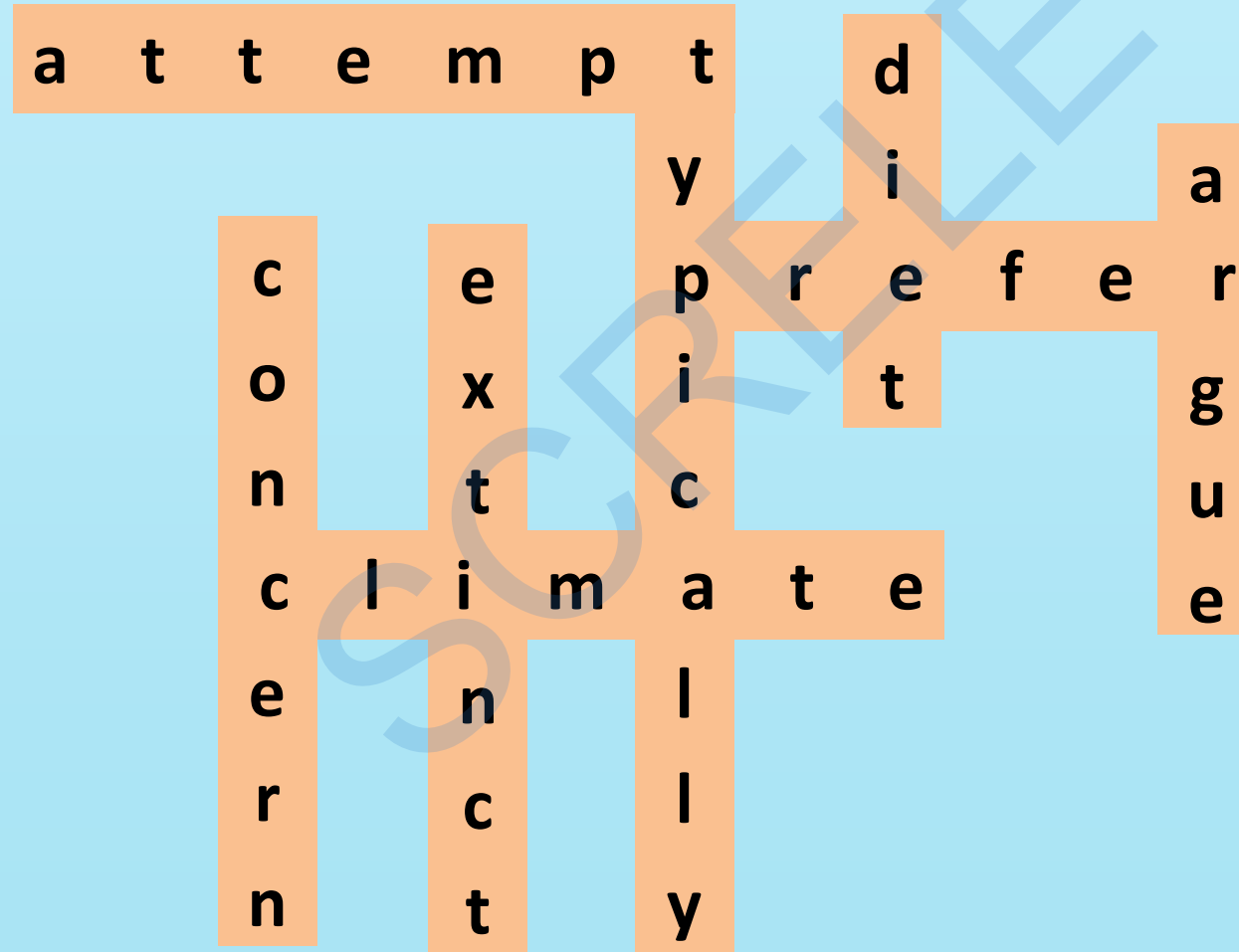
## Unit 2 Animals

# Vocabulary Focus





## Crossword (Workbook p.17-18)





## How can we know that people have different attitudes to zoos?

When we were there, we debated whether or not zoos were a good thing. When I was little, I loved going to zoos. Now, at the age of 20, I still enjoy visiting them. However, I am aware that there are lots of people who don't support these establishments.

discuss sth, especially formally, before making a decision or finding a solution

**There was a debate on / about whether or not zoos were a good thing.**





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### Group 1

- A. When I was little, I loved going to zoos.
- B. Now, at the age of 20, I still enjoy visiting them.

A synonym is a word or phrase that has a similar meaning to another word or phrase. We use synonyms to make our writing more interesting. Words from any part of speech (e.g. nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs or prepositions) can have synonyms. For example:

- *amazing, surprising, unbelievable, wonderful* (adjectives)
- *car, auto, automobile, motorcar* (nouns)
- *participate, take part, join* (verbs)
- *quickly, fast, rapidly* (adverbs)
- *on, upon* (prepositions)

When replacing a word with its synonym, make sure the meaning of the sentence in the specific context is maintained.







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I am aware of the fact that there are lots of people who don't support these zoos.

awareness (n.)

1. We are fully aware that (充分意识到) avoiding problems cannot help to solve them.
2. After the debate about zoos, we will raise the awareness of (将提高对……的认识) animals' current living conditions.



## Why are some people against zoos?



Animal welfare is a growing concern in today's society. There are many people who believe that zoos are cruel. They argue

show concern for / about  
express concern about

More and more people today show concern for animals' health, happiness and safety.  
Animal welfare concerns more and more people in today's society.

Recently, the organization has shown concern for (对……表示关切) the increasing number of animals dying out in South America.  
Their chief concern (他们主要关注的事) at the moment is the protection of some species. The negative and long-term effect on animals concerns (使担心) some experts.



## Why are some people against zoos?

**cruel**

15 natural habitats and keep them in cages. An animal kept in a zoo will lead a life different from an animal that lives in the wild. For example, animals in zoos don't have to hunt for food. Additionally, some animals become unhappy in zoos because there isn't enough space. Zoos exhibit animals from places all over the world and animals must therefore adjust to different climates and seasons, depending on the location of the zoo in relation to where they come from.

search, chase and kill other animals for food

show sth in a public place for people to enjoy or to give them information

get used to

In senior high school, I need to adjust to \_\_\_\_\_.



## Why are some people for zoos?

\* provide an educational experience

For human visitors, however, a trip to the zoo can be an educational experience.





## Why are some people for zoos?

25 When students learn about endangered species and are able to see them in a zoo, they are more likely to support projects designed to save these animals from extinction. Zoos are involved in many conservation projects: supporting

**danger (n.) endanger (v.)**

**be likely to do sth**

**It is likely that ...**

**likelihood (n.)**

**It is more likely that** they will support the projects which are designed to save these animals from extinction.

**The likelihood of** the students supporting the projects will increase.



## Why are some people for zoos?

\* provide an educational experience

try to

\* attempt to replicate an animal's natural habitat

... **make attempts to** replicate ...

\* put lots of toys in exhibitions

Zoos exhibit lots of toys.

Students are more likely to support animal protection projects.

a number of

A range of materials is used to create a similar place.

found in the wild. Lots of toys are usually put in exhibitions to prevent animals from getting bored. Animals that live in tropical

**Caring**



## What would happen if there were no zoos?

projects. [Due to threats such as illegal hunting,] there are many species which would be extinct if they weren't kept in zoos. Moreover, many zoos attempt to

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**become / go extinct**  
**extinction (n.)**

Nowadays, many species are in danger of extinction (处于灭绝的危险中).

Many species are **under threat** because of illegal hunting.  
Illegal hunting is **a threat to** many species.  
Illegal hunting **threatens** many species.

**threaten (v.)**



**Did the writer change his opinion about zoos after the debate?**

**Will the writer still go to the zoo? Why or why not?**

Every zoo has a slightly different approach to animal care and welfare, but overall I think zoos are a good thing. Seeing animals in their natural habitat isn't always possible and I think zoos offer a good alternative. A trip to the zoo is both educational and fun — I'll definitely continue to visit zoos!

a little

way to deal with

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certainly





Match each word in the box with the sentence containing its synonym.

<b>remove</b>	<b>climate</b>	<b>design</b>	<b>slightly</b>
<b>funding</b>	<b>range</b>	<b>definitely</b>	

1. **Take** these chairs **away** — we don't need them. **remove**
2. The **weather** is cooler in the east of the country. **climate**
3. The building isn't **planned** very well from the point of view of wheelchair access. **design**
4. Alisha is trying to get **money** from the government for her research. **funding**
5. There is a wide **variety** of opinions on this issue. **range**
6. The richness of the food made him feel **a little** ill. **slightly**
7. We will **certainly** be focusing on this in the years to come. **definitely**





Fill in each blank with a proper word chosen from the box. Each word can be used only once.

**A. extinction**

**B. conservation**

**C. essential**

**D. hunting**

**E. threats**

Giant pandas have increased since 2003. 1 B methods used by the Chinese government and international charities to protect these wonderful creatures are working. Three quarters of Giant Pandas now live in nature reserves, meaning that they have extra protection from dangers such as 2 D or disease, but they are still endangered. The two main 3 E to pandas are the destruction of their local habitat and human expansion (扩张). Chinese government takes 4 C measures to protect them. There has also been much more awareness internationally about the real danger of 5 A.



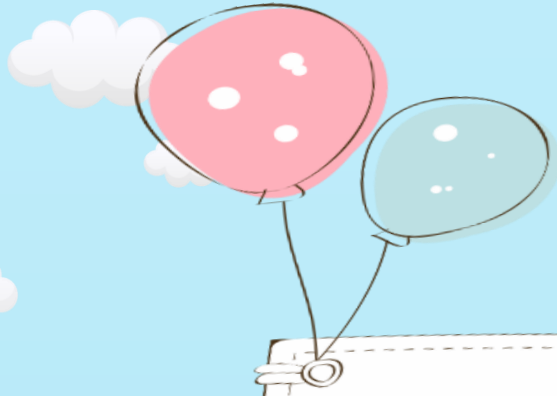
# Zoos

**Against  
(cruel)**

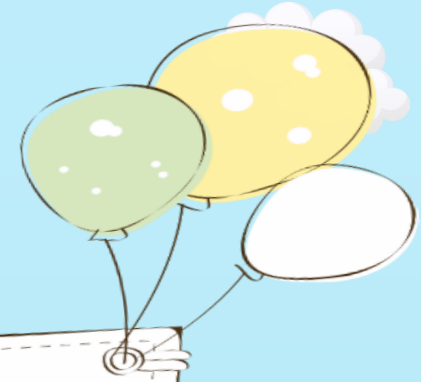
**For  
(caring)**

animal welfare  
be removed from / kept in ...  
lead a different life  
adjust to ...  
become unhappy  
...

provide an educational experience  
attempt to replicate ...  
put toys in exhibition  
be involved in ...  
...



## Assignments



1. Complete "Vocabulary Focus" on p.23-24 in your textbook.
2. Complete Section B on p.18 in your workbook.