

## Unit 2 Animals

### Relative clause 2

- introduced by *when*, *where*, *why* and “preposition + *which*”

## Guessing game

# What animal is it?

It is a bird

that has brightly-coloured or grey feathers,  
that has a curved beak,  
that can be kept as a pet,  
and that can be trained to copy what people say.

**A parrot!**



## Guessing game

# What animal is it?

It is a type of large, wild cat  
which has strong muscles,  
which live in Africa and Asia,  
and which have yellow fur and black spots.



**A leopard!**



# Locate the relative clauses in the text.

## Getting Started

- Look at the pictures. Where do these animals live? How do they probably feel?



## Reading A

Zoos are found in almost every big city in the world. Do you think they are suitable homes for animals? Read the text and decide whether you agree or disagree with the author.

### ZOOS: CRUEL OR CARING?

Last weekend I visited a zoo with a friend. 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.

Animal welfare is a growing concern in today's society. There are many people who believe that zoos are cruel. They argue that it is cruel to remove animals from their 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.

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

## Zoos: Cruel or Caring?

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 zoos provides essential funding for these 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 replicate an animal's natural habitat: a range of materials is used to create a space that is similar to what would be found in the wild. Lots of toys are usually put in exhibitions to prevent animals from getting bored. Animals that live in tropical

countries are typically housed indoors in heated tanks which are kept at a temperature similar to that of their natural habitat.

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!

## Personal Touch

- Do you like visiting zoos? Why or why not?





## Locate the relative clauses in the text.



1. However, I am aware that there are lots of people who don't support these establishments.
2. There are many people who believe that zoos are cruel.
3. An animal kept in a zoo will lead a life different from an animal that lives in the wild.
4. Due to threats such as illegal hunting, there are many species which would be extinct if they weren't kept in zoos.
5. Animals that live in tropical countries are typically housed indoors in heated tanks which are kept at a temperature similar to that of their natural habitat.





## Study the sentences and find out how they are combined. (p.24)

1. Last weekend I visited a zoo **where (in which)** I had a discussion with one of my friends about whether or not zoos are a good thing. (=Last weekend I visited a zoo. In the zoo, I had a discussion with one of my friends about whether or not zoos are a good thing.)
2. The best time to go on safari in South Africa is the dry season **when (in / during which)** animals gather around rivers. (=The best time to go on safari in South Africa is the dry season. In / During the dry season, animals gather around rivers.)
3. Having the chance to see all kinds of animals from different parts of the world is the reason **why (for which)** I think zoos are educational and fun. (=Having the chance to see all kinds of animals from different parts of the world is the reason. For this reason I think zoos are educational and fun.)





adverbial of place

1. Last weekend I visited a **zoo** **where** (in which)  
I had a discussion with one of my friends  
about whether or not zoos are a good thing.

subject

e.g. Last weekend I visited the post office **where** I came across my cousin.

at which





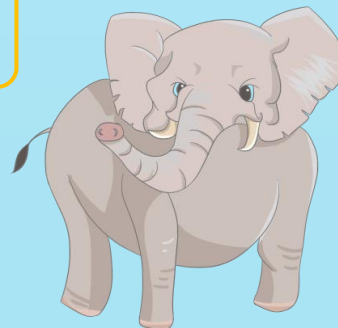
adverbial of time



2. The best time to go on safari in South Africa is the dry season when (in / during which) animals gather around rivers.

3. Having the chance to see all kinds of animals from different parts of the world is the reason why (for which) I think zoos are educational and fun.

adverbial of reason







Complete the grammar rules with *when*, *where* or *why*.

We use when after the noun phrase of time.

We use where after the noun phrase of place.

We use why after *reason*.

*preposition + which*  
(more formal)





Fill in the blanks with proper relative adverbs.

1. Animals live in zoos where they don't have to hunt for food.
2. Tropical animals are kept in heated tanks where temperature is similar to that of their natural habitats.
3. We have entered into an age when humans are concerned about animal welfare.
4. I don't know the reason why they are in favour of keeping animals in the zoo.



Complete the following sentences with relative clauses, with the help of the pictures and cues given.



1. we, go to Andy's birthday party



2. he, fail to solve the problem

3. Mr. Jackson, live, for many years



4. I, donate blood, for the first time



1. Do you still remember the day \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Tom does not know the reason \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This is the house \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I will never forget the day \_\_\_\_\_.



Complete the following sentences with relative clauses, with the help of the pictures and cues given.



1. Do you still remember the day when we went to Andy's birthday party?



2. Tom does not know the reason why he failed to solve the problem.

3. This is the house where Mr. Jackson lived many years ago.



4. I will never forget the day when I donated blood for the first time.







# Complete the conversation about animals with the help of the hints in brackets.

## Conversation 1



A: Is that a koala in the photo?

**when I visited**

B: Yes. It was taken in a wildlife park last summer **Australia**  
(visit, Australia).

A: I've heard that koalas are only found in Australia. Do you know why?

B: As far as I know, they only feed on the leaves of certain trees and Australia is the only place **where these trees grow** (these trees, grow).

A: I see. No wonder I've never seen a koala in our city zoo.

B: You know, the chance to come face to face with Australian wildlife, such as koalas and kangaroos, is a powerful reason **why many tourists travel in Australia** (many tourists, travel in Australia).



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## Conversation 2



A: Do animals sleep like humans?

B: Yes, they do. We humans may need up to eight hours of sleep a night to keep our brains functioning, while animals require more or less rest. Bats, for example, sleep 20 hours a day while giraffes sleep less than two. But keeping their brains in order is not the only reason why animals sleep (animals, sleep). Some animals such as bears and turtles go into hibernation for several months in order to survive difficult seasons. Different species have their own sleeping patterns.

A: What is hibernation?

B: It is an extremely deep sleep. Before hibernation, animals feed heavily during the few months when food is plentiful (food, plentiful) and build up fat, and then go to sleep and live off their fat reserves throughout the cold season when the weather is freezing (weather, freezing, food, limited).

**and food is limited**



Work in pairs and share your knowledge about an animal establishment that has impressed you.



**For reference:**

Haichang Ocean Park is a wonderful place where we can see various kinds of marine creatures.

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# Homework

1. Complete the “Grammar in Use” on p.16 in your workbook.
2. Search online for information about an animal establishment you are interested in. Prepare a brief introduction of the establishment, using relative clauses introduced by relative adverbs to introduce the functions of different places and the facilities in it.

