Global View - Animal Rights (C0146)

- You should have seen the T.V. show that was on A: last night, the topic it covered was really interesting; animal rights.
- Do you really believe in that? If they are going В: to focus on something, they should do it on civil rights.
- Yes, but we can't deny that animals are vulnera-A: ble, defenseless, and are completely at the mercy of human beings.
- I understand your point, but we continue to have B: transgressions against human rights. If so much attention weren't devoted to the topic of animals, we would then concentrate more on saving a human being instead of protecting a koala.



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- A: You can't compare apples and oranges; I believe that both topics are important and that we can't ignore them, the mistreatment of animals can cause a great environmental imbalance. I believe that governments should prohibit activities like poaching.
- B: Well, you are right on that point. This is the reason that I don't buy leather and I try to buy synthetic products.
- B: At least you' re doing your part. My contribution is to have a pet in the house that I treat like a member of the family.
- A: As long as you don't treat it better than your wife, it's fine.

Key Vocabulary

civil rights people have the rights people have

vulnerable Adjective easily hurt or harmed

defenseless Adjective defenseless



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at the mercy phrase in a position where you

of can be harmed

transgression common something that is not

noun, plu- allowed

ral

apples and or- phrase an unfair comparison of

anges two different things

poach principle to illegally hunt pro-

verb, tected animals

present

synthetic Adjective not natural

progressive

do your part phrase to help accomplish a

goal

Supplementary Vocabulary

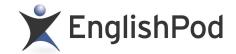
biodegradable Adjective capable of being decom-

posed by natural means

drought common a prolonged period of

noun, sin- time during which no

gular rain falls



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famine common a severe shortage of

noun, sin- food

gular

biosphere common the part of the earth's

noun, sin- surface and atmosphere

gular inhabited by living

things

cloning common a general term for the

noun, sin- research activity that

gular creates a copy of some

biological entity