

Saving Mr Chimp 拯救大猩猩先生

Vocabulary: *Judicial case* 法庭案例

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In any case, humans have become more sensitive to animal suffering throughout the years. In 1999, New Zealand **granted basic rights** to five great ape species. Their use in research, testing or teaching was banned in a move seen as the greatest **legal** success in animal rights history.

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The **ambiguous** relationship between people and animals can be perceived in language. In English the pronoun used for an animal is 'it'. But many people refer to their pets as 'he' or 'she'. It makes them more of an equal to us.

What do you think? Should animals have rights similar to humans?

Find the answers from the given text

1. Who might be moving from a lab to a sanctuary?
2. What do animals lack, according to Professor Carl Cohen?
3. What can't apes be used for in New Zealand?
4. Which pronouns can you use for animals in English?
5. Which noun means 'feeling pain or distress'?

Choose the correct answer

1. When Joanne got divorced the judge said she was _____ to half of her husband's assets.

granted	entitled	given	taken
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2. Men and women are _____ before the law.

sensitive	relative	equal	similar
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3. I must point _____ that not everything you say is true.

at	to	on	out
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4. The judge told Mr Ross: "If you _____ the crime, you have to accept the punishment."

make	commit	act	take
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5. Lady Gaga wears _____ clothes. She has even worn an outfit made of meat!

outside	out of bounds	outlandish	out of order
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- to be entitled 有資格的，有資格享受的
→補充
- outlandish adj. 奇異古怪的
→補充
- a judge n. 一位法官
→補充
- habeas corpus n. 人身保護樣
→補充
- to rule v. 裁決
→補充
- to argue v. 爭辯
→補充
- an animal sanctuary n. 一個動物庇護所、動物保護區
→補充

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- a moral code n. 一項道德規範
→補充
- to commit crimes v. 犯罪
→補充
- to grant basic rights v. 授予基本權力
→補充
- legal adj. 法律（上）的
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→補充

- **constitution** n. 憲法，大法

→補充

- **ambiguous** adj. 模糊的，不明確的

→補充