

Name _____

Instructions: In the Main Idea box, write the *Main idea* of the letter being read. Then write the arguments given by the writer in the *Reason* boxes. Finally, add details supporting each argument in the *Details* boxes.

Letter # _____

Main idea

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Pro or Con: Circle one

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| Reason #1: | Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• |
| Reason #2: | Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• |
| Reason #3: | Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• |

ZOOS: PRO OR CON? • LEVEL X • 1

Letter # _____

Main idea

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| Reason #3: | Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• |

SKILL: SUMMARIZE

Name _____

Instructions: Add commas as necessary to the sentences below, separating either

1. an introductory word or phrase,
2. clauses, or
3. a list of three or more items.

Then write number 1, 2, or 3 on the line, telling what use the commas have.

_____ In 2007 the Association of Zoos and Aquariums published the results of a three-year study titled “Why Zoos and Aquariums Matter.”

_____ In some cases zoos are even able to return captive-bred animals to the wild.

_____ As you give further thought to zoos consider the possibility that they might not be able to be labeled as simply good or bad.

_____ It is up to us to fix the problems we have caused by cleaning up the environment shifting to “greener” lifestyles and making every effort to save species whose lives are threatened by our activities.

_____ While books and online resources can provide children with facts about animals there is no substitute for direct experience with the natural world.

_____ As I’ve followed local discussions on the zoo expansion project I’ve become increasingly upset.

_____ When kept in zoos they develop many unnatural behaviors including pacing swaying rolling their heads and walking in tight circles.

_____ When the spaceship lands on their planet you’re placed in a small barred cage with a bed a chair two books and a large painting of a television on the back wall.



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Instructions: Cut apart the word cards below. Put a dot over each vowel and then draw a slash to show where the word is divided into syllables. Sort the word cards into two piles according to the first syllable in each word: open syllables or closed syllables.



comments

future

subject

invite

adjacent

protect

renovation

tiger

suffer

behavior

captive

conservation