**Example of an argument paragraph ‘AGAINST’ – No Zoos are not a good place for animals**

**In your paragraph put in the negatives of zoos – what do they not do well?**

There are many people who believe that zoos are not a safe haven for all animals. Recently a killer whale called [Tilikum drowned experienced trainer](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/2740217/killer_whale_kills_trainer_footage.html) Dawn Brancheu during a show at SeaWorld Orlando, USA. Animal rights group, PETA called the incident an accident waiting to happen -  blaming the confinement of the killer whale to an area "the size of a bath tub" - and calling for an end of keeping animals for entertainment.

As well as this, animals do not behave naturally in a zoo as they would in the wild, as Zoo-kept animals can be isolated, stressed and bored. Regular feeding times prevent the mental and physical stimulation of finding and hunting food, while confined enclosures prevent true movement. For instance, in the wild an elephant would move up to 10 miles a day. Also A lion in a zoo cage behaves so differently to its wild cousins that viewing it can scarcely be described as educational. And, in the days of wildlife documentaries, the web, photography and cheaper flights - do we really need zoos to educate us? Isn’t it better to see an animal in its rightful habitat than seeing it restricted in an unnatural space.

Furthermore, the enormous expenses poured into keeping animals within a zoo would surely be better spent on wildlife conservation programmes? The gorilla exhibit at London Zoo cost £5.3 million to build, begging the question of what this sum of money might have achieved for wild gorilla conservation.