

LESSON 4 My Opinion of Zoos

Fred: Recently I went to the zoo with my young cousin. It was really fun to see the animals.

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We enjoyed it so much. Zoos are great!

Sue: They might be great for humans, but zoos are awful for animals.

Fred: Huh? What do you mean?

Sue: I mean the animals are stuck in cages until they die. They are surrounded by

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spectators every day. How do you think they feel? For them, zoos are just a prison.

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Zoos are simply cruel!

[強調] とても、まったく

Fred: Calm down! Animals are just animals. They feel nothing.

[否定] 何も感じない

Sue: Is that really true? There's research [showing that animals in zoos have lots of stress].

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Fred: Hmm, perhaps that's true. You may be right. But when children go to the zoo, they

can see live animals, take their pictures, and feed some of them. They learn the value

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of animals.

Sue: So what? Children can learn that by seeing animals in the wild on TV and the

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the value of animals

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Internet. If there's any scientific proof [that kids come to love animals by going to

that 以下という科学的証拠

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the zoo], I'd like to see it!

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Fred: Well, I don't know about that. But for my cousin, at least, [① seeing a lot of animals

少なくとも [動名詞] ~すること

with his own eyes and ② feeding some of them] were great experiences.

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