

Zoos – Glossary

breed verb [intransitive]

if animals breed, they become the parents of young animals

The birds have bred successfully for the past six years.

cage noun [countable]

a container made of wire or metal bars and used for keeping birds or animals in

captivity noun [uncountable]

a situation in which wild animals are kept in a place such as a park or zoo instead of living in their natural environment

crocodiles that were born in captivity

confined adjective

a confined space is so small that you cannot move around in it easily

deforestation noun [uncountable]

the process of removing the trees from an area of land

depressed adjective

if you are depressed, you feel very unhappy because of a difficult or unpleasant situation that you feel you cannot change

documentary noun [countable]

a film or television programme that deals with real people and events

educational value noun [uncountable]

the degree to which someone or something is important or useful

educational/nutritional value

endangered species noun [countable]

a type of animal or plant that may soon become extinct (disappear from the world)

entertainment noun [countable/uncountable]

performances that people enjoy

environment noun [countable]

the place in which people live and work, including all the physical conditions that affect them

extinction noun [uncountable]

the situation when an animal, plant, or language no longer exists

species that are in danger of extinction

habitat noun [countable]

the type of place that a particular animal usually lives in or a particular plant usually grows in, for example a desert, forest, or lake

a rare bird that is in danger of losing its natural habitat

inspire verb [transitive]

to give someone the enthusiasm to do or create something

Inspired by her example, other zoologists have begun working with apes in the wild.

marine adjective

living in or happening in the sea

marine life/animals

preserve verb [transitive]

to take care of a place or building in order to prevent it from being harmed or destroyed

puddle noun [countable]

a small pool of water, especially on a road after rain

recreate verb [transitive]

to make something exist again

skill noun [uncountable]

the ability to do something well, usually as a result of experience and training

surroundings noun [plural]

all the things that are present in a place and that form the experience of being there

pleasant/comfortable/beautiful surroundings

virtually adverb

used for emphasizing that a statement is almost completely true

whale noun [countable]

a very large sea animal that breathes air through a hole on the top of its head

wildlife noun [uncountable]

animals, birds, and plants that live in natural conditions

wolf noun [countable]

a wild animal similar to a large dog that lives in groups