

Animals

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Animals**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: *What is your favorite animal and why?*

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
pet	An animal that lives with people in a house	<i>I have a pet rabbit that I feed every morning.</i>
zoo	A place where many animals are kept for people to see	<i>We went to the zoo to see the lions.</i>
habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal	<i>The forest is the natural habitat of many birds.</i>
wild	Living in nature, not kept by people	<i>Wild animals can be dangerous if approached.</i>
feed	To give food to an animal	<i>Children love to feed the ducks at the pond.</i>
species	A group of animals that are similar and can have babies together	<i>The tiger is a protected species.</i>
conservation	The protection and care of animals and nature	<i>Conservation helps keep endangered animals safe.</i>
nocturnal	Active during the night	<i>Owls are nocturnal birds that hunt at night.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What animal do you have at home, or would you like to have?
- 2 Do you have a favorite animal that you saw when you were a child?
- 3 How often do you visit a zoo or a farm?
- 4 What do you think about keeping animals as pets?
- 5 Which animal do you think is the most interesting and why?
- 6 How do animals help people in their daily lives?
- 7 What problems do wild animals face because of humans?
- 8 Do you think it is important to protect animal habitats? Why or why not?
- 9 If you could change one thing about how we treat animals, what would it be?
- 10 Imagine a world where all animals could talk. How might society be different?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student is a zoo keeper explaining why a new animal enclosure is needed; the other is a city council member deciding whether to approve it. Use simple arguments about animal welfare and public safety.