

## Additional material

### Fantasy journey (see distance learning alternatives)

Cross your arms and place your head on the table. Close your eyes. Breathe in and out deeply. Now imagine you are standing on a huge green meadow. The sun is shining and you feel the warmth on your skin. Breathe in deeply and out again. You smell the grass and the flowering plants in the meadow. You take a few steps forward. You become faster with every step. You run, you jump, you dance and sing with joy. You are happy because you know that you are free. You can do whatever you want. Suddenly you realise that someone is behind you. You get scared. You watch him build a wall around you. It is high. So high that you can't even see over it. It is heavy and grey. You have little space between these high, heavy and grey walls. You estimate the area to be the size of half a football field. You look for an exit and find a door. You slowly walk towards it to see if you can get out through this door. You quickly realise that this door is locked. You can only open it from the other side. Slowly you realise: You are trapped. Days, weeks, months and years pass. Every day, someone comes in the door for a few minutes, gives you something to eat and makes sure you stay healthy. You spend the rest of the day counting the long hours until it's evening again....

Now take another deep breath in and out. We are slowly returning to the here and now. Slowly open your eyes. If you like, you can stretch again.

## Text

### **Animals in the zoo? No, thank you!**

Many people do not visit the zoo because they are against the way the animals are kept in the enclosures. This is mainly for these two reasons:

1. Many animals live in the zoo that come from distant countries. These animals are often not at all made for the weather and temperatures in Europe and therefore do not feel so comfortable in the zoo. The thick fur of polar bears, for example, is supposed to protect them from the severe cold in the Arctic. In summer in Europe, however, it often gets hotter than 30 degrees. And other animals like chimpanzees, lions or giraffes, which come from hot countries like Brazil or Africa, freeze in northern European countries in winter.

2 In order for the animals to live in the climate that prevails in their home country, they often have to live in small indoor enclosures for many weeks. That would be like having to stay in your room all winter. Outdoor enclosures are also often too small for the animals because they don't have enough space to run and hunt. The animals can't live like they would in freedom and get bored.



Gap text

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1. the weather in Europe is \_\_\_\_\_ for the animals.
2. The animals have \_\_\_\_\_ in their enclosures and get \_\_\_\_\_ quickly.

against

too hot or cold

too little space

bored