

- TEXT**
- 1 a) What are all the letters about?
b) Which people support caging birds? c) Which people are against it?
 - 2 List as many points as you can find for and against caging birds.
 - 3 Mr Rafizadeh is trying to persuade people to think as he does. Copy his letter and underline some of the powerful words he uses. Do it like this: It is wicked to exploit birds for profit and expose them to needless suffering.
 - 4 Now copy Brian Mayberry's letter. Underline the strong words he uses, like this: I feel I must reply to some of the misguided letters about BirdLand. All the birds in the zoo are well treated.
 - 5 Which of the two letters above uses a lot of a) positive words b) negative words?
 - 6 Both Mr Rafizadeh and Brian Mayberry give a statistic in their letters to support their argument. Find these and write them down.

- SENTENCE**
- 1 Use information in the letters to give your views about caged birds.
 - 2 Write three paragraphs. In the first paragraph give one side of the argument.
 - 3 In the second paragraph give the opposing viewpoint.
 - 4 In the third paragraph explain that you have considered both sides of the argument. End up by stating strongly your own viewpoint.

- WORD**
- 1 See how many 'tion' words you can find in the letters opposite.
 - 2 Make these verbs into nouns, like this: protect – protection.
inspect subtract obstruct direct attract
 - 3 Make up sentences containing each of the 'tion' words you have made.
 - 4 Make these verbs into nouns, like this: educate – education.
decorate generate create congratulate communicate
 - 5 Make nouns from these verbs, like this: organise – organisation.
prepare explore imagine reserve examine
 - 6 Sort these words into two groups according to their endings:
television permission decision admission expression explosion