

## Challenging Captivity

*Skedingdale Zoo has announced that it will be acquiring a wild female elephant called Nia. The letter below is a response to the announcement.*

Skedingdale Zoo  
Skedingdale  
SKE B0R

Lower Wood Cottage  
Skedingdale  
SKE B3R

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to the news that your zoo intends to acquire a wild elephant. I am disgusted to learn that you intend to keep a wild animal prisoner, and I do not believe this to be a cause for celebration. Captivity is a crime, and I am appalled by your actions.

As I am sure you are aware, elephants roam across large expanses of land. By housing Nia in an enclosure, you are sentencing her to an unhappy existence. She will pace up and down the boundaries of her confined patch of earth, longing for the open plains of her homeland with sadness in her eyes.

How would you feel if the walls of your house were replaced by thick, black, solid bars, through which passers-by could poke their nosy little heads to gawp at you? This will be Nia's fate if you execute your plans and force her to leave her family in Africa — just so Skedingdale Zoo can fulfil its own selfish desire to possess an exotic animal.

I beg you to leave Nia where she is. It is not too late.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Clarke

1. In what month did Mr Clarke write his letter?

..... 1 mark

2. What does the word *disgusted* tell us about how Mr Clarke feels?

..... 1 mark

3. According to the text, what is the difference between an elephant's life in captivity and in the wild?

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..... 1 mark

4. Where does Nia's family live?

..... 1 mark

5. Which of these sentences best summarises Mr Clarke's message for the zoo? **Tick** the correct option.

Free Nia the elephant.

Leave Nia in Africa.

Nia would be safer in the zoo.

Free all zoo animals.

1 mark

6. How do you think Mr Clarke would feel about using elephants in the circus? Use the text to support your answer.

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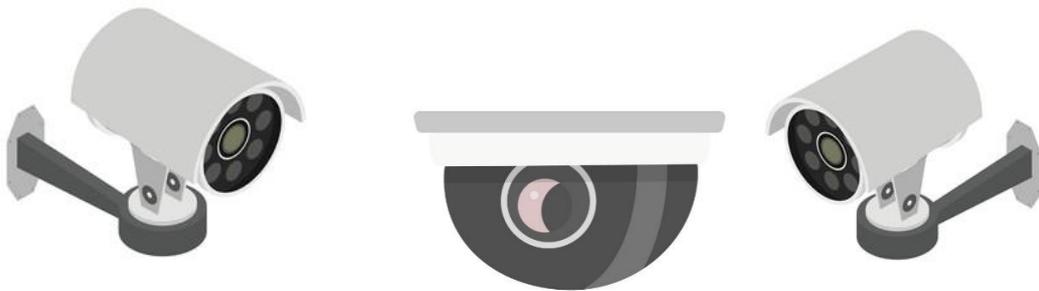
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3 marks



*Only Scroll down if you have finished your homework.*





Answers to be revealed on the next page!

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6. (1 mark for suggesting how Mr Clarke would feel with one piece of supporting evidence)

e.g. "Mr Clarke would not approve of elephants being used in the circus because he thinks that captivity is 'a crime'." (2d)

- (2 marks for suggesting how Mr Clarke would feel with two pieces of supporting evidence)

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- (3 marks for suggesting how Mr Clarke would feel with three pieces of supporting evidence)

e.g. "Mr Clarke would not approve of elephants being used in the circus because he thinks that captivity is 'a crime'. Like the zoo, the circus would be keeping the elephants 'prisoner'. Mr Clarke didn't like the idea that people would 'gawp' at the elephants in the zoo, and this would be the same in the circus." (2d)

### **Test 4 – Pages 11-13**

1. (1 mark) September (2b)
2. (1 mark for any simple answer)  
e.g. He feels very angry. (2a)
3. (1 mark for any sensible comparison)  
e.g. In captivity an elephant has little space but in the wild they have lots of space. (2)
4. (1 mark) Africa (2b)
5. (1 mark) Leave Nia in Africa. (2c)