

Writing Task Sample

Unit 16 Animals can feel, too (p.129)

Promoting animal welfare

Write an article of about 180 words about why we should show empathy towards animals and elaborate with reasoning.

I always **regarded** animals in an entirely different category to us humans. All that changed, however, when I visited *Monkey World*—an ape **sanctuary**—recently with friends. That visit, finally, **opened my eyes to** the similarities amongst all **mammals**, humans included.

The park was **teeming with** all sorts of apes and monkeys, including orangutans, spider monkeys and squirrel monkeys. However, I was most **fascinated** by the chimpanzees because their facial expressions are so human.

For lunch, we sat down on a bench near a children's playground and ate our sandwiches. It was there that I observed something **astonishing**. Not only did the children run over to the enclosure and watch the chimpanzees at play, equally, the chimpanzees were fascinated with the children playing loudly and yelling while coming down the slides.

For a minute, I couldn't decide whose behaviour was more *monkey-like*—that of the kids or that of the apes? The differences between us mammals shrunk **before my eyes**.

I arrived at the conclusion that all humans should **observe** animal behaviour up close. When they do so, they will discover **commonalities** and develop respect for every creature.

~188 words