

# Prepare for {IELTS}

## Part 1 – Wild Animals

Have you ever seen a wild animal before?

Yes, I have and oh... what an incredible experience. When I was visiting Australia, we were driving down a pretty isolated road and suddenly a kangaroo hopped in front of the car. We were going slowly so stopped the car and just stared at this amazing creature. It really took my breath away\*.

\*to take your breath away = astonish or shock you, with pleasure, surprise, or some other emotion

Which wild animal do you like the most?

Oh gosh, that's a tricky question because I'm an animal lover so it's tough to pick just one... I guess if I had to choose, I'd go for the panda. They're incredibly cute animals and endangered\*\* so it's virtually impossible\*\*\* to see one in the wild.

\*\*endangered = in danger of extinction

\*\*\*virtually impossible = almost impossible

Do you like going to zoos?

Yes and no, it's not something I do as a rule\*; however, if I'm on holiday then I might go to a zoo to pass the time\*\*. I'm not a massive fan of keeping animals in cages in zoos, to be perfectly honest; however, if they have a breeding programme\*\*\* for endangered species, then I support that.

\*as a rule = If you say that something happens as a rule, you mean that it usually happens.

\*\*to pass the time = to let time or a period of time go by especially while doing something enjoyable

\*\*\*a breeding programme = the planned breeding of a group of animals or plants, usually involving at least several individuals and extending over several generations