

Language

Look at this sentence from the first text:

"We strongly object to places like this and completely disapprove of what they've been doing here."

Decide whether the expressions below express an objection (O) or no objection (N):

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| 1. I think that's fine. . . . | 7. I think it's awful. . . . |
| 2. It's quite OK to | 8. It's outrageous. . . . |
| 3. I can't say I approve of | 9. There's nothing wrong with |
| 4. I strongly disapprove of | 10. It seems completely wrong to me. . . . |
| 5. I wish people wouldn't | 11. I've got no objection to |
| 6. I've got no problem with | 12. It doesn't bother me. . . . |

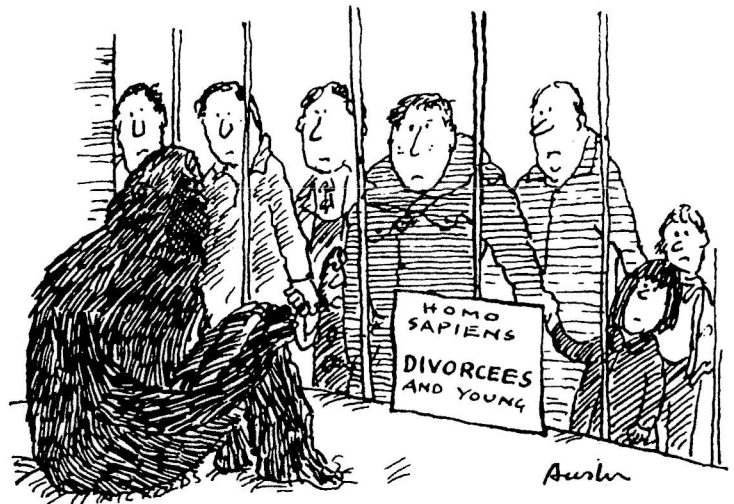
Use the expressions above to talk about the list you made at the beginning of the lesson. For example:

*I strongly disapprove of circuses.
It's quite OK to keep rabbits in your garden.*

Look at these patterns:

*I've got no problem with zoos as long as the animals are treated well.
There's nothing wrong with people having pets provided they know how to look after them.*

Write two sentences of your own using these patterns.



Discussion

Answer these questions in small groups:

- Do you eat meat? If not, why not?
- If so, do you or would you eat any of the following?

horsemeat	veal	dog	rabbit	paté de foie gras
monkey	seagull	squirrel	hedgehog	alligator
- Do you have a pet? What kind? How much freedom does it have? Would it be happier in a different environment?
- Is it ever OK to keep animals in a cage? What about keeping birds in a cage?
- Is it OK to have these animals as pets?

a parrot	a rabbit	a monkey	tropical fish	a terrapin
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- Do you wear leather shoes? Do you own anything made from animal fur? Is there an ethical difference?
- Read the opinion below. How far do you agree or disagree with it?

"Let's get this straight. Animals have no rights at all. I don't mean we should be cruel to them for no reason. I eat animals. I wear animals. I depend on drugs which have been tested on them. I mean, if testing medicines on animals helps to save human lives, I think that's fine. And I've got no problems with testing cosmetics on them either. I mean, if I use an aftershave or a deodorant, I want to know that it's safe. I'd rather a rabbit went blind - not me!"