

Overview

Watch the video podcast. **Whose comments do you most agree with?**

1 Look at the people below and read the sentences. Then watch the podcast from 0:10-1:11 again and write true or false (T/F) next to each sentence.



1 He grew up on a farm.



2 Now she's older, she loves London more than the countryside.



3 He likes the quiet and fresh air of the countryside.



4 She comes from Hertfordshire and lives near the countryside.



5 She enjoys camping and weekends in London.



6 He's lived in the countryside for thirteen years and enjoys growing vegetables.

Glossary: *grow up (in/on a place)* = live there as a child

2A Read the words in the box and check the animal words you don't know in your dictionary. Then watch the podcast from 1:12-3:10 and tick the words you hear. There are three extra words.

wildlife	sharks	cows	big cats	spiders
whales	dog	horses	monkeys	guinea pigs
	scorpions	birds	snakes	foxes

Glossary: *big cats* = lions and tigers

2B Watch the podcast again and practise saying the words in Ex 2A aloud.

3 Do they like wildlife? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 1:12-2:12 again and delete the wrong word in *italics*.



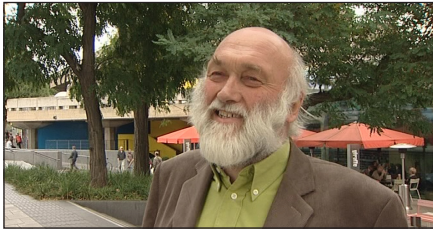
1 I'm an animal lover. I'm a vegetarian as *well/also*.



2 Since I was a little girl, I've always really *liked/loved* foxes for some reason.



3 I enjoy sort of very exotic wildlife/*animals* that I haven't seen before.



4 I like *watching/seeing* them on the telly.



5 I think animals are living beings – and *must/should* be treated with respect.



6 I like big *tigers/cats*. They're very graceful, they're very beautiful.

Vocabulary

4 Match the definitions to the underlined words in Ex 3.

- 1 things which are living/alive
- 2 something/someone that moves beautifully
- 3 to behave in a respectful way to something/someone
- 4 strange or unusual, often from a foreign country
- 5 television

living beings

5 Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the video podcast from 1:12-3:10 and match people A-D to the correct sentences.



- 1 He enjoys things he doesn't see every day.
- 2 He's frightened of snakes and scorpions because they're very dangerous.
- 3 He quite likes large snakes. A friend of his used to keep them.
- 4 She loves her nephew and niece's guinea pig.
- 5 He doesn't remember being frightened of any animals when he was a child.
- 6 She doesn't like spiders.

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The way we speak

6 What are they frightened of? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 2:12-3:10 and complete their answers with one word in spaces 1-6.



I am very ¹ *scared* of spiders. And even though in Australia, we get some very small but very dangerous spiders – I'm ² _____ of very big spiders.



I don't particularly like horses because they're big, and they ³ _____ our dog.



I'm not really ⁴ _____ of any animals. I love them all.



I'm quite ⁵ _____ of sharks. I don't really like the sea and so whales and animals such as that, I don't really like. I suppose because it's the unknown. I just find it quite ⁶ _____.

Glossary: *scared* = frightened; *scary* = frightening; *the unknown* = you don't know anything about it

Personalisation

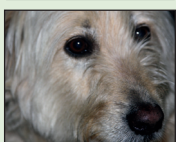
7 Write your answers to the questions.

1 Do you prefer the countryside or the city? Which person in the podcast do you most agree with?

2 Do you like wildlife? Which person are you most like?

3 Which of the animals from the podcast are you frightened of?

FUN FACTS



In the UK, people spend more on their pets than they do on holidays. To find out more, go to the BBC link below:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7283395.stm>

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