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What Do You Think?

An extension of "A sad day at Guadeloupe"

Earlier this year, the Singapore River Safari sent two manatees to Guadeloupe, a faraway island. This was part of a big project to grow the manatee population. Sadly, one of the two manatees died after getting there. Read about it on the back page of *What's Up* October 2016.

A few years ago, when bottlenose dolphins were captured near the Solomon Islands and flown to Resort World Sentosa (RWS), four of them died. This is another example showing that transporting animals from one environment to another is risky and stressful for them. Often, these moves are more for commercial purposes rather than to save the species. As a result, this is an issue worth chewing on.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Work in pairs. Discuss the following questions. Think critically. Talk about your feelings and beliefs about these issues. If you need to, use the internet to gather more information.
 - a. *Why were the manatees flown to Guadeloupe? Why were the dolphins flown to RWS? Identify the main difference in the reasons for transporting the manatees and the dolphins.*
 - b. *Both transfers involved serious risks to the animals. In each case, were the risks worth taking?*
 - c. *In what ways do both Guadeloupe and RWS create greater awareness and make a substantial difference to animal conservation?*
 - d. *Are you in favour of more manatees being flown to wild life sanctuaries? What about more pink dolphins being sent to human resorts?*
2. Write a brief summary of your answers to these four questions. Next, develop your stance regarding the transportation of wildlife. If the two of you do not agree, it is all right to sum up both your standpoints.
3. Share your stance with the rest of your class.