

Speech: Back to The Wild

An activity of "Q: How can I become a climate activist?"

Read "Q: How can I become a climate activist?" (Story 04, *What's Up* May 2021 at digital.whatsup.sg). Vilma D'Rozario tells us about her journey from being a nature lover to becoming an activist. On such a journey, it is important to learn about wildlife and perhaps imagine what wild animals may feel and think.

1. Imagine you are a tiger in a zoo that wants to go back to the wild. What would you say if you could speak? Write a speech from the tiger's point of view. To help you get started, respond (in point form) to these four questions.

<i>a) How did you (the tiger) end up in a zoo?</i>	<i>b) What are examples of the suffering you are going through?</i>
<i>c) Why do you want to return to the wild?</i>	<i>d) How can human beings help you to be free again?</i>

2. Then, organise your points on a fresh sheet of paper. Think of how to make your speech interesting to children your age. Aim to speak for about three minutes.
3. Present your speech to your class. After you have spoken, reflect on whether pretending to speak as a tiger helps you to understand wild animals' need to be free.

TIP: Keep your sentences short and use simple (but precise) words — this will make it easier for the audience to follow your thoughts!