

Speaking for Migratory Animals

An activity of "Saving the world's migratory species".

Migratory animals travel long distances. They face increasing dangers. Read "Saving the world's migratory species" (page 17, *What's Up* March 2025). Many of the problems are caused by humans. If they could, what would migratory animals say to humans? Work in pairs on this activity.

1. Select any one migratory animal (including birds and fish) to focus on. List what that migratory animal might say if it could voice its concerns and wishes. Refer to the *What's Up* story. You can also use your own general knowledge.

The concerns and wishes of a migratory animal		
Because of...	The problems I face during migration are...	What I wish humans would do to help me ...
a) destruction of rest places	i.	ii.
b) pollution	i.	ii.
c) travelling in groups	i.	ii.
d) climate change	i.	ii.

2. With the help of these points, prepare a three-minute speech by your focus migratory animal, if it could speak to your class.
3. Deliver the speech to your class. Start by introducing yourself as the migratory animal. Share some details of its migratory habit. You and your partner can take turns presenting the different parts.
4. After everyone has heard all the speeches, have a whole-class discussion about what it felt like to look at the world from the standpoints of the focus animals.