

4 Animals in danger

Reading

Do you know the story of Noah and his ark? Read about Noah of the future. Is the story the same or different?

Noah's Space Ark

Scene 1 In Noah's garden

This is read as 'twenty ninety-nine'.

Narrator : Welcome to the Earth. It is the year 2099. This planet has become a terrible place to live because people have polluted it. There isn't enough good land or clean water. One man — Noah — has a plan.

Enter Noah and his wife.

Noah's wife : Tell me again about your plan, Noah.

Noah : (*patiently*) All the people and animals will die unless we get away from the Earth. I've built this space ark. I'm going to take a pair of every type of animal to another planet.

Noah's wife : Two of every type of animal?

Noah : That's right.

Noah's wife : But this space ark is not big enough.

Noah : Not big enough? That means some animals must stay here. I'll go to the zoo and tell them.

Exit Noah.



Scene 2 At the zoo



Narrator : Noah has just told the animals. They are all going crazy.

Tiger : (*angrily*) I can't survive here. I'm already endangered. I'll become extinct unless I go in the space ark.

Bear : Why are you endangered?

Tiger : People hunt tigers. They wear our fur and use us in medicines.



-  Bear : It's the same for us bears. People also use us in medicines. We'll soon be extinct unless people stop hunting us.
- Panda : *(sadly)* I'm endangered too. People destroy our bamboo forests. Therefore there isn't enough food for us and we die.
- Turtle : Don't forget turtles! We must get on the space ark. People use turtle shells to make jewellery and they eat our meat. There'll be no turtles left unless people stop killing us.
- Tiger : Are we all endangered?
- Bear : Not all of us. *(pointing slowly at Noah)*
-  Noah : It's my space ark. I made it!
- Turtle : And you think this is your Earth. You made the Earth into a terrible place.
- Tiger : Turtle is right. People are destroying this planet. They'll destroy our new planet unless we stop them.
- Bear : Therefore we must leave the people here.
- Noah : *(loudly)* No!
- Narrator : What will happen next? You decide.



How does the play end? Choose a picture and type the ending.



cage, leave



leave, without



build, all animals



Imagine you are one of the animals. What will you say to the 'people'?

