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“Kobu the Lion” Answer Key

Watch the video, “Kobu the Lion.” Answer the following questions. Be prepared to discuss your responses as a class.

1. How do sanctuaries care for captive exotic animals like big cats? Sanctuaries make sure the exotic animals have food and space to live and be active. They help keep animals clean and healthy by giving them physical exams. They also try to give animals opportunities to interact with other animals of the same species.
2. What does Kobu need to do to be accepted into the lion pride at the sanctuary? Kobu needs to submit to the dominant male lion by putting his head down and not challenging him.
3. What other types of animals are living in this sanctuary? The sanctuary is home to other large carnivores like tigers, bears, and wolves.
4. Why can't lions raised in captivity just be released into the wild? The lions were raised by people and haven't learned basic survival skills. Lions' natural habitat is shrinking, making it hard for wild lions to survive.
5. Why do you think there are so many exotic pets living in captivity? Answers will vary and should be discussed. Some students may say that people like to have exotic pets for companionship or as a status symbol. They might also be kept as pets because they are interesting or different. Most people who want exotic pets do not realize how hard it is to manage the pets when they are older and act on their instincts. This can be dangerous to humans and the animals.