**I believe that animals exist to**

People can argue that it is pointless to spend money on the protection of wild animals because we didn’t and don’t need them. I completely disagree with this.

In my opinion, it‘s absurd to argue that wild animals have no place in the 21st century. I do not believe that planet Earth exists only for the benefit of humans, and there is nothing special about this particular century that means that we suddenly have the right to allow or encourage the extinction of any species. Besides that, there is no compelling reason why we should let animals die out.

We do not need to exploit or destroy every last square metre of land in order to feed or accommodate the world’s population. There is plenty of room for us to exist side by side with wild animals, and this should be our aim.