Animals Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:
List as many animals as you can in two minutes.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite animal and why?

2. What separates humans from animals? Do you consider humans to be a kind of animal?

3. Which animal is the most dangerous? Why?

4. What should you do if a bear approaches you?

5. Do you like dogs? Why do people call the dog *man's best friend*?

6. Do you enjoy going to the zoo? Some people consider zoos to be cruel environments for animals. What do you think?

7. Where is the best place to see animals in your country? In the world?

8. Are you a vegetarian or vegan? What makes some people give up eating meat or using animal products?

9. Which animal is most helpful to humans?

10. If you could be any animal (besides human), which animal would you like to be?

11. Who would win in a fight between a tiger and a lion?

12. What do you think about hunting animals? Would you like to try it?

13. Books like *Watership Down* and *Animal Farm* give animals human characteristics like human thoughts or language. Is this how you think animals really are? Or are those just stories about people?

14. Some animal species are *endangered* because of illegal hunting. How do feel about this issue?

15. If we can bring an *extinct* animal from the past back with genetic engineering, should we do it? Which animals should we bring back?

16. Have you heard of *the law of the jungle*? How do you feel about the idea that in nature, animals kill or be killed?

17. What do you think about the theory of evolution? If animals are still evolving, what will they be like in the future?

18. What do people mean when they say, '*a leopard doesn't change its spots*'? Do you agree?

19. A liger is a cross between a tiger and a lion. What other hybrid animals can you imagine?