

READING

Exercise 7: Read and think. What should you do to help?

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Nature watch There are about 1,000 endangered species of animals and birds, and even more species of insects in danger, like butterflies. We should protect them so that they do not become extinct.

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Two of the world's most famous endangered animals are also famous for their stripes. They are mountain zebras and Siberian tigers. They need big forests to live in, but these forests are smaller nowadays because men cut trees down for wood.

To help protect the tigers in Russia they made two National Parks. These also protect them from people who want to catch them for their beautiful striped fur.

c 

This is the Banggai Cardinalfish which lives around the islands of Indonesia. It is easy to see because of the spots on its tail and its striped body. They are in danger because people collect them.

If you collect fish you should choose your fish very carefully.

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d 

Frogs are in danger all over the world. The frog in the picture is Lehmann's poison frog. It is found in Colombia. It has red, orange or yellow stripes.

People named 2008 the 'Year of the Frog'.

e 

Butterflies are beautiful, flying insects. This butterfly is the purple spotted butterfly. It has white spots on its purple wings. Every year millions of butterflies fly to a different place. Some die when cars hit them.

In 2007 the Taiwanese government closed a busy road to protect the purple spotted butterfly!

extinct
wings
spots
spotted
stripes
striped
butterfly
insect

Exercise 8: Listen. Number the words you hear from 1 to 8.

insect ☐

spots ☐

butterfly ☐

wings ☐

extinct ☐

spotted ☐

striped ☐

stripes ☐

Exercise 9: Read again and answer.

1. How many endangered species are there?

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2. Which animal has red, orange or yellow stripes?

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3. Which animal has a spotted tail?

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4. Where does the Lehmann's poison frog live?

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5. Which animal has got spots on its wings?

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6. What did they do to protect butterflies in Taiwan?

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