MAZE or Cloze Reading

Complete the following text using the words in boxes. There are two extra words.

Faster - population – untouched - Surface – species - regions Sustainable - consumption – energy - natural

Earth is losing wildlife at a **a)**_____ rate than at any time in history. This is according to the new "*Living Planet Report*" from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The report says the global wildlife **b)**_____ shrank* by 60 per cent between 1970 and 2014. The WWF warned that: "The Earth is losing its biodiversity* at a rate seen only during mass extinctions*." Researchers state that most of the decline in our animal population is because of "*exploding human* **c)**_____". There are more and more humans on this planet. We are eating more, overfishing, cutting down trees for beef production and using more **d)**_____ and natural resources. This has resulted in a massive loss of habitat* for animals. The report estimates that only a quarter of the world's land has been **e)**_____ by humans. This means human activity has greatly affected animals on three-quarters of Earth's **f)**_____. Researchers tracked more than 4,000 **g)**_____ of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians*. They say the loss of animal life is worst in South and Central America. These **h)**_____ saw an 89 per cent loss in the population of vertebrates* in the past four decades.

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> when - and - because – what- that - when
> before- should - especially - therefore- for – until

How to Be a Safe a)_____ Smart Online Searcher. Nowadays, students need to use the internet for study more and more. **b)_____,** it is important that they develop effective online searching skills to find out **c)_____** they are looking for quickly. There are a number of strategies that can help students in becoming smart online searchers. Firstly, it is a good idea to use more than one key word **d)_____** they are performing a search. If they want to find out about seagulls, **e)_____** For example, it is advisable to search for "bird seagull" and not just "seagull". The word "Seagull" could be the name that comes **f)_____** anything, from a hotel to a documentary film. Next, searchers need to check their spelling **g)_____** the smallest typing mistake can bring unwanted results. Thirdly, students can experiment with different search engines **h)_____** they find the one which is best for them. Finally, reliability is very important when anyone searches on the internet. Online searchers **i)_____** not make the mistake of believing everything they see. Some websites are unreliable and some information can be false. Everyone needs to check **j)_____** information on a website has a credible source before accepting it.