

6 CLOSER TO NATURE

GRAMMAR

1 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 There are millions of species
- 2 That beautiful park over there is the place
- 3 Tigers are on the 'red list'
- 4 Rainforests are forests
- 5 My friend Rebecca is an equine vet
- 6 I'd like you to meet Mr Jennings
- 7 That's the lion cub
- 8 He's the dog trainer

- A who is the gardener here.
- B which are characterised by high rainfall.
- C who my mother takes our dog to.
- D which means they are endangered.
- E which means she treats sick horses.
- F where we should have the picnic.
- G which still haven't been discovered.
- H which the rangers released into the wild.

2 Read the sentences you made in Exercise 1.

- 1 In which of the sentences is a comma needed between the two halves?
- 2 Why is a comma needed here?
- 3 Why is no comma needed in the other sentences?
- 4 In which sentences can the relative pronoun be omitted?
- 5 In which sentences can 'who' or 'which' be replaced by 'that'?

3 Complete the sentence with the correct relative pronoun.

- 1 I have never been back to the place _____ I was born.
- 2 The safari park, _____ was one of the first in the country, has closed down.
- 3 I would love to have a job _____ involved working with animals.
- 4 That's the scientist _____ I was telling you about last week.
- 5 Tasmania is an island _____ is near Australia.
- 6 The building _____ they made the scientific discovery is being demolished.



4 Add one of the phrases from the box to each sentence.

on which for which along which
both of whom all of which neither of which
one of which to whom

- 1 There are four species of zebra, _____ are declining in number.
- 2 I grew up in the countryside, _____ I am very grateful.
- 3 We have three cats, _____ is a Siamese.
- 4 I have two sisters, _____ like gardening.
- 5 Julie has a guide dog, _____ she is totally dependent.
- 6 The man _____ she wrote is an expert on plants.
- 7 We have two pear trees in our garden, _____ bears fruit.
- 8 That's the path _____ the elephants walk to get to the river.

5 Complete the gaps in the sentences with a preposition.

- 1 We need to prevent the black rhino _____ dying out.
- 2 I don't approve _____ testing cosmetic products on animals.
- 3 The farmer warned us _____ entering the field with the bull.
- 4 The city is regarded _____ one of the most beautiful places to live in the world.
- 5 Bees are capable _____ producing only small amounts of honey.
- 6 My father insists _____ cutting the grass every weekend.
- 7 They congratulated the guide _____ a fantastic tour of the city.
- 8 I enquired _____ getting a membership card for the zoo.

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In each sentence, either **ONE** or **BOTH** of the complex prepositions are correct. Put a line through those that are incorrect.

- 1 Photographers stayed up all night *in the hope of* / *by means of* getting pictures of the new-born lion cubs.
- 2 I love all animals *apart from* / *except for* snakes.
- 3 The pregnant panda is being moved to a new enclosure *ahead of* / *in front of* the birth.
- 4 I am writing *with regard to* / *in relation to* my recent visit to your wildlife park.
- 5 We made our decision *on the basis of* / *on account of* your previous experience with animals.
- 6 Richard went on the school trip to the zoo *on account of* / *along with* all the other students in his class.

VOCABULARY

1 Match each list to the correct phrase.

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| 1 | tiger, polar bear, mountain gorilla, bluefin tuna |
| 2 | forest, desert, grassland, wetlands |
| 3 | the Himalayas, the Alps, the Andes |
| 4 | climate change, water pollution, overfishing |
| 5 | solar, wind, hydropower, bioenergy |
| 6 | travelling by plane, using a computer, using plastic bags |
| A | environmental issues |
| B | renewable energy |
| C | carbon footprint |
| D | endangered species |
| E | mountain ranges |
| F | natural habitats |

2 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below.

- 1 We've just come back from a wonderful *travel* / *trip* to the Caribbean.
- 2 Please *say* / *tell* me what you think about the video I've just posted.
- 3 The closure of the zoo will have a negative *affect* / *effect* on the local economy.
- 4 The locals gave us some really good *advice* / *advise* on the best places to visit.
- 5 My sister is really *sensible* / *sensitive* and always cries when she watches wildlife documentaries.
- 6 I persuaded my cousin to let me *borrow* / *lend* her camera for my trip.
- 7 A lot of people often *chose* / *choose* to stay in hostels because they're cheaper than hotels.
- 8 We were not allowed to bring our own food onto the *sight* / *site*.