



## Helping Endangered Animals

Our planet has many different plants and animals, but many of them are in danger today. When a species is called endangered, it means there are very few left, and they might disappear forever. Scientists watch these animals and plants to see how fast their numbers are going down. If people do not help, these species could become extinct, like the dinosaurs.

The main reason for this problem is human activity. As cities grow and industries expand, people destroy natural habitats such as forests, wetlands, and coral reefs. Animals lose their homes, food, and safe places to live. In addition, illegal hunting (poaching) and climate change make the situation even worse, putting many species at great risk.

There is still hope. Conservationists around the world are working to protect these animals. Governments create nature reserves where wildlife can live safely. Scientists also run breeding programs to increase the number of endangered animals and return them to the wild. Protecting these species helps keep nature balanced and keeps our planet healthy.

### Cloze Activity:

Select the correct words from the **Word Bank** to complete the sentences.

**Word bank:** Conservation, Endangered, Extinct, Human, Habitat, Ecosystem, Poaching, Protect,

Today, many plants and animals are \_\_\_\_\_ because there are very few left. If we do not help them, they may become \_\_\_\_\_ and disappear forever. Most of the harm is caused by \_\_\_\_\_ activities, such as building cities and farming. When animals lose their natural \_\_\_\_\_, they cannot find enough food or safe places to live. Another serious problem is illegal hunting, known as \_\_\_\_\_, which puts many animals in danger. Scientists and governments work to \_\_\_\_\_ these animals by creating protected areas where they can live safely. These protected areas help keep the ecosystem balanced and healthy. The variety of all living things is called "biodiversity," and it is very important for our planet. All the living and non-living things that work together form an \_\_\_\_\_. The work of saving endangered species is called \_\_\_\_\_.