

Grammar

I will learn to use **How many...?**, **there were/there are**, **Why...?**, and **because** to ask about animals.

How many chimpanzees were there 100 years ago?

There **were** more than one million. But now there **are** only about 200,000.

- 10 Complete the sentences with **how many**, **there were**, and **there are**.

1 How many Komodo dragons were there fifty years ago?

There were more than 20,000. But now there are probably fewer than 5,000 in the Komodo Islands.



2 Andean condors were there in the past?

 many Andean condors in the mountains of South America. But now only a few thousand left.

3 volcano rabbits were there fifty years ago?

 only about 1,000. We don't know how many now, but probably only a few hundred.

4 Tasmanian devils were there twenty-five years ago?

 more than 100,000 Tasmanian devils. But now only about 20,000.



Why are chimpanzees endangered?

They're endangered **because** people are moving into their habitat.

- 11 Read and talk about why these animals are endangered.

1 Why are Komodo dragons endangered?

People are killing them. / People are moving into their habitat.

2 Why are Andean condors endangered?

Other animals are killing them. / They are getting sick and dying.

3 Why are volcano rabbits endangered?

People are destroying their habitat. / There is too much pollution.

4 Why are Tasmanian devils endangered?

People are killing them. / People are moving into their habitat.

- 12 Work with a partner and find out more about each of the animals in 10 and 11. Discuss.