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When you are done, transfer your answers to this worksheet.

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The ⁽¹⁾ to the bear's existence is the loss of its habitat. Over many years, ⁽²⁾ companies have stripped the land by cutting down a large number of trees. In addition, they have ⁽³⁾ which have fractured the areas where the bear usually feeds, and many ⁽⁴⁾ sites have also been lost. The logging of the trees along the ⁽⁵⁾ has damaged the places where the bears fish. To make matters worse, the number of salmon in those streams is ⁽⁶⁾ because there is ⁽⁷⁾ on fishing at the moment.

All ⁽⁸⁾ have a negative impact on the spirit bear's very existence, which is made all the ⁽⁹⁾ by the fact that reproduction among these bears has always been ⁽¹⁰⁾.

And so, what's the situation going forward? Community organizations, environmental ⁽¹¹⁾ and the British Columbia government are now working together on the problem. The government is now requiring logging companies to adopt a better logging ⁽¹²⁾, which is a positive step. However, these measures alone may not be sufficient to ensure a healthy population of the spirit bear in the future.

Other steps also need to be taken. While it is important to ⁽¹³⁾ the spirit bear's habitat, there ⁽¹⁴⁾ needs to be more emphasis on its expansion. The move is justified as it will also create space for other bears that are losing their homes ...

India's lions are particularly vulnerable because they have a limited ⁽¹⁵⁾. The reason for this is interesting – it's because all of them are ⁽¹⁶⁾ from a few dozen lions that ⁽¹⁷⁾ by a prince who took a particular interest in them. He was very wealthy, and he managed to protect them – otherwise they'd probably have died out completely.

When you see the Asiatic lion in India, what you sense is enormous vitality. They're very impressive beasts and you would never guess that they had this vulnerability when you look at them.

The Asiatic lions don't have the Gir Sanctuary ⁽¹⁸⁾, I should add. They actually share it with about two thousand farmers. A significant ⁽¹⁹⁾ of the lions' diet is ⁽²⁰⁾ of the livestock of these farmers – goats, chickens and so on – as much as a third, in fact. And they've even been known to attack humans, especially in times of ⁽²¹⁾.

One final piece of interesting information – in ancient India one of the greatest tests of leadership for a man was to fight a lion. Now it seems, in modern India it will be a great test to see if the lion can be saved. I'm sure this is something that all of you will share concern for too.