Impact 1/ Unit 4/ Reading Enrichment

Why might baboons and humans come into contact with each other?

Human-**wildlife conflict** is a big problem all over the world today, and it's getting bigger. Imagine finding a baboon or two eating breakfast at your table! That would definitely be a conflict between a human, you, and wildlife, the baboons! Because baboons are **wild**, this type of conflict could be dangerous.

In Cape Town, South Africa, humans are **interacting** with baboons more than ever, right in their own neighbourhoods. Because about half of the natural baboon **habitat** and food in this region **disappeared**, baboons needed to find new ways to get food. So they started going into urban areas and stealing the food they need for survival.

Baboons are very **clever** animals. Once they **learn** that they can easily get food from humans, they won't try as hard to hunt for their own food. People who live near baboon habitats have to control this **behaviour** by limiting the baboons' **access** to human food and rubbish.

Both humans and wildlife **need** protection from each other. Luckily, in some places in South Africa, there are people who work as baboon monitors. Their job is to keep baboons away from homes. Because baboons are **afraid of** loud noises, monitors use noise-making devices to **frighten** them away. They might also use paintballs to frighten the baboons.

The monitors don't form relationships with the baboons, but they don't mistreat them either. They simply work to limit conflicts between humans and wildlife.



A family of baboons at the breakfast table

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Now answer the questions.

(A) Say if the statement is True (T) or False (F).

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
1. Baboons are domestic animals.	T	F
2. Baboons are endangered animals.	T	F
3. Baboons steal food from rural areas.	T	F
4. Baboons are scared from loud noises.	T	F
5. Baboons and humans have a friendly relationship.	T	F

(B) Answer in a complete sentence.

1. Why do baboons find new ways to get food?

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2. What is the job of baboon monitors?

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3. What do baboon monitors use to frighten the baboons away? (Mention 2 things).

1. _____

2. _____

4. Do the monitors form relationships with the baboons? Justify your answer.

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