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**LEVEL 3. Reading**

**Unit.4. Reading. A. Vocabulary, Use the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.**

survive	species	stable	estimate
ecosystem	population	quantity	

Most parts of Oman are covered by huge barren mountains and deserts. There is very little wildlife in these areas. However, the Dhofar region is different. Dhofar has a very unique 1. \_\_\_\_\_ which supports many different 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of wild animals like the Arabian leopard, foxes and wolves. Scientists 3. \_\_\_\_\_ there are between 80 and 300 Arabian leopards left in the wild. In the past the number of Arabian leopards was falling because farmers considered them as pests that kill their livestock. The Omani government has taken many steps to protect these amazing animals and as a result, their numbers are 4. \_\_\_\_\_ today. The Arabian leopards need people's help today to 5. \_\_\_\_\_. If we don't help them, they will become extinct soon.

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