Lesson 2: Animals in the UAE



Activity 2 Reading

Read the text. Complete the sentences



Animals of the UAE

There are many types of animals in the UAE, for example the Arabian oryx and the Arabian leopard. In the past, some of these animals were in danger because of hunting.

In 1977, Sheikh Zayed started a conservation programme in Al Ain to save the Arabian oryx. Oryx moved to Sir Baniyas Island and today around 700 oryx live there. Thanks to Sheikh Zayed's successful programme, the UAE now has the largest number of Arabian oryx in the world. Now, more than 10,000 of the animals can be found in the Emirates (*).

The Sheikh Muhammad Bin Zayed Arabian Oryx Reintroduction Programme

This programme started in 2007 in AL Dhafra. They introduced 160 oryx to areas where oryx lived in the past. These areas are protected. Oryx can live there safely. The number of oryx in the Al Dhafra now is about 945.

There are protected areas all over the UAE. The Arabian oryx protected area in Abu Dhabi is the largest in the UAE, with more than 5000 oryx living there (*).



1) The Arabian animals in danger were _____

2) In the past, the animals nearly disappeared because of _____

3) Sheikh Zayed started a conservation _____ to protect oryx.

4) Today, _____ oryx live on Sir Baniyas Island.

5) The largest number of oryx in the world, _____, live in the UAE.

6) In Al Dhafra, _____ oryx live and move safely.

7) Abu Dhabi is home to _____ oryx living in a vast, protected area.

(*) The national news: https://cutt.ly/LILnn49

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