

English Year 4

Week 5 (5th February 2022)

Lesson Objectives:

- Answer simple comprehension

Step to Success:

- Read text
- Identify keywords in questions
- Write answer in **COMPLETE SENTENCES**

The Iriomote Cat

The Iriomote cat is a **wild cat** that lives only on Iriomote Island in Japan. In Japanese, people call it yamaneko, or “mountain cat.” This cat is a little larger than a **domestic cat**, with rounder ears and spots where a tabby cat would have stripes.

1) Where do Iriomote cat live?

2) What does 'yamaneko' mean?

3) How are Iriomote cat different from the domestic cats?

These cats live in forests and on hills with streams. They have been seen on beaches. They can climb trees and swim. There are almost no small mammals on Iriomote Island, so the cats cannot eat mice or other rodents the way wild cats in other places do. They eat many different kinds of things, for example insects, lizards, fish, and shrimp.

4) What are the habitats of Iriomote cats?

5) What do they eat?

There are fewer than 1000 Iriomote cats in the wild. This cat is endangered because of habitat loss, meaning that human beings build things in the places where they live. Some cats are hit by cars when they come to the road to eat dead frogs, dead lizards, and other animals that have been killed by cars. The local government has tried to stop people from driving too fast and the government of Japan has made part of Iriomote Island a wildlife protection area.

6) Why are they endangered?

7) State the two efforts the government of Japan made to protect the cat.

Although Iriomote cat is a wild cat, scientists showed that the cat can live next to humans and is not afraid to look for food near farms and rice paddies. In 2019, many Iriomote islanders said they were proud of their rare wildcat, though they worried that too many tourists would come to their island and damage it.

8) Why are the islanders worried about the tourists coming to their island?
