

Grammar Checkpoint

I Present Perfect Simple and Present Perfect Continuous

A Underline the correct answers.

- 1 The zoologists (haven't been finishing / haven't finished) their research yet.
- 2 Scientific testing (has determined / has been determining) that the oldest dinosaur fossils are hundreds of millions of years old.
- 3 Sue (has been studying / has studied) endangered species for eight years.
- 4 I (have written / have been writing) my article on 'Endangered, Vulnerable and Threatened Animals' all evening! I didn't know it would take so long.
- 5 'In some areas of the Pacific Northwest, the fungus (has eliminated / eliminated) whitebark pines entirely,' the botanist says.
- 6 The world is watching China's dogged attempt to keep giant pandas on the map – which in some ways (has been / was) an unprecedented success.
- 7 The sudden disappearance of the dinosaurs (baffled / has baffled) scientists for many years.
- 8 Its rainforests (have been cleared / have cleared) for timber and sugar plantations.
- 9 How long (was / has) Larry (been working / working) in this science lab?
- 10 Five species are now extinct and 15 (have been lost / have lost) from over half their range.
- 11 Those two cats (have sat / have been sitting) on that branch for the last hour.
- 12 It was announced in Newcastle this morning that the British Oil Corporation (has discovered / has been discovering) oil under the sea near the Welsh coast.
- 13 The dolphin population (has decimated / has been decimated) by tuna fishing.

II Articles

B Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or *-*.

- 1 _____ British drink far too much tea.
- 2 I'm going to _____ British museum this morning.
- 3 Have you ever seen _____ orangutan?
- 4 The lion is _____ king of _____ beasts.
- 5 _____ Thames flows into _____ North Sea.
- 6 Greenery is _____ main aspect of our effort to improve _____ air quality and reduce _____ pollution.

7 Christopher Columbus was one of first people to cross _____ Atlantic Ocean.

8 BBC reported that two poachers have since been recaptured.

9 Richard, vet at Eastcott Veterinary Clinic, was shocked to hear Sadie had given birth to another 11 puppies.

10 highest mountain in world sits on Himalayan Range.

11 Giant Panda is endangered species because there are less than thousand left living in wild.

12 leaves of eucalyptus tree are koala's main source of food.

C Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the* or *-*.

(1) elephant population was severely depleted during the 20th century, largely due to the massive ivory trade. While some populations are now stable and growing, poaching and habitat destruction continue to threaten (2) species. (3) elephant is (4) largest mammal that lives on (5) land. It is grey in (6) colour. (7) first thing (8) person would notice about the elephant is its long trunk and large ears. The elephant uses its trunk, very much like (9) way we would use (10) hand to pick up (11) object. It is (12) intelligent creature and can be taught to do (13) great variety of things. Led by (14) matriarch, elephants are organised into complex social structures of (15) females and (16) calves, while male elephants tend to live in (17) isolation.

