

Reading Comprehension

Read and match.



Two of the world's most famous endangered animals are also famous for their stripes. They are mountain zebras and Siberian tigers. They need big forests to live in, but these forests are smaller nowadays because people cut trees down for wood.

To help protect the tigers in Russia they made two National Parks. These also protect them from people who want to catch them for their beautiful striped fur.



This is the nine-spotted lady beetle. It has four black spots on each wing and one in the middle of its body. It lives in North America and it is an endangered species.

The Lost Ladybug Project asks people to take photos of this beetle if they see it.



Frogs are in danger all over the world. The frog in the picture is Lehmann's poison frog. It is found in Colombia. It has red, orange or yellow stripes.

People named 2008 the 'Year of the Frog'.



Butterflies are beautiful, flying insects. This butterfly is the purple spotted butterfly. It has white spots on its purple wings. Every year millions of butterflies fly to a different place. Some die when cars hit them.

In 2007 the Taiwanese government closed a busy motorway to protect the purple spotted butterfly!

1 How many endangered species are there?



They closed a busy motorway.

2 Which animal has red, orange or yellow stripes?



The nine-spotted lady beetle.

3 Which animal has a spotted body and wings?



About 1,000.

4 Where does the Lehmann's poison frog live?



Lehmann's poison frog.

5 Which animal has got white spots on its wings?



In Colombia.

6 What did they do to protect butterflies in Taiwan?



The purple spotted butterfly.

Choose words from the box to label the pictures.

Lehmann's poison frog Purple spotted butterfly Mountain zebra
 Siberian tiger Nine-spotted ladybug beetle



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Now match the words with the definitions.

- 1 beetle This insect has got two hard wings and two soft wings.
- 2 The hair an animal has on its body.
- 3 The parts of an insect or animal which it uses to fly.
- 4 Lions, tigers, elephants and mice all have one of these. It comes out of the back part of their bodies.
- 5 The part of an animal or insect which has the arms and legs on it.
- 6 An insect with two beautiful wings, six legs and two antennae.
- 7 A small animal with a body, six legs and two eyes.
- 8 A small coloured circle on a different colour.
- 9 An area between two lines which is a different colour.