3 READING • The ugliest animals?

I can read for specific information.

THINK! **Look at the animals in the box. Which animals do you think are ugly?**

eagle gorilla frog spider bat crocodile

BLOBFISH we love you!



The blobfish isn't the most beautiful or common fish on the planet. It has a dull colour and you don't usually see it because it lives 1,000 metres under the seas near Australia.

But now through magazines and the internet, the blobfish is famous because people say that it's the ugliest animal in the world.

Every year, thousands of species of animals become extinct. We often see information about the biggest, the most interesting, the most beautiful and the most colourful, such as whales, butterflies or pandas. The weirdest or ugliest animals also need our help.

Are they really ugly? No, they're interesting and rare. The best idea is to protect all animals.

1 **Check the meanings of the words in blue in sentences 1–3. Then read the text. Which sentences does the writer agree with?**

1 It's important to protect all animals because they are all interesting.
2 It's best to protect the beautiful species, not the ugly ones.
3 A lot of species become extinct every year. Animals in danger need our help.

2 1.33 **Read and listen to the text and write *True* or *False*.**

1 The blobfish is quite rare.
2 The blobfish sometimes lives in rivers.
3 The blobfish is well-known through magazines and the internet.
4 There's a lot of information about pandas, but not whales.

3 VOCABULARY PLUS **Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in blue in the text.**

4 USE IT! **Work in pairs. Do you know the names of any animals in danger? Do you think which ones are ugly and which ones are beautiful?**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Superlative adjectives

I can use superlative adjectives to talk about my country.

1 **Write the superlative form of the adjectives in the table.**

Short adjectives

	Adjective	Superlative
Regular	dull, weird, slow	the dullest, ... , ...
End in *-e*	rare, safe	..... , ...
End in consonant + *y*	ugly, pretty	..... , ...
End in consonant + vowel + consonant	big, hot	..... , ...

Long adjectives

Adjective	Superlative
colourful	the most colourful
common	.....
expensive	.....

Irregular

Adjective	Superlative
bad	the worst
good	.....
far	the furthest / the farthest

2 **Complete the text using the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.**

CÚC PHƯƠNG NATIONAL PARK

When is the best time to visit?

The [1] ..... (hot) season is from May to September. The [2] ..... (warm) month is July with an average maximum temperature of 33°C. The [3] ..... (cold) month is January with an average maximum temperature of 19°C. The [4] ..... (good) time to explore Cúc Phương National Park is the dry season, from December to April.

Are there any mountains?

Yes. There are many limestone mountains. The [5] ..... (high) peak is Mây Bạc with 648 metres above sea level.

What animals can I see?

There are more than 300 species of birds and 135 mammal species. The [6] ..... (interesting) animal is the Delacour's Langur, one of the rarest primates on earth.



STUDY STRATEGY

Improving your grammar

Inventing sentences is a good way to remember grammar rules and improve your grammar.

3 **Read the Study Strategy. Then write five sentences with your ideas. Use the adjectives and the topics in the boxes. Compare with a partner.**

good bad boring pretty nice horrible

film star animal team friend place food

I think the best football team is Arsenal.
In my opinion, the most horrible animals are spiders.

4 **USE IT!** **Work in pairs. Read the text in exercise 2 again. Ask and answer questions with superlative adjectives for clues 1 – 6.**

1 May to September
2 July
3 January
4 December to April
5 Mây Bạc
6 Delacour's Langur

Finished?

Write sentences about another national park in your country using the questions in exercise 4.

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