

Read the passage carefully. Then fill in each blank with one suitable word from the list below by dragging and dropping the text box to the blank.

extinct	threat	steal	ivory	nets
reasons	forests	illegal	hunters	allowed
animals	furniture	food	popular	sure
protect	down	hides	because	turn

Do you like animals? Should we protect animals? Right now, some animals are in danger of becoming (1) _____. That means that no more of these animals live on earth. What is an endangered species? An endangered species is a type of animal that is in danger of becoming extinct. Can you think of any (2) _____ that are endangered? Can you think of any species that is extinct? Sometimes animals become extinct for natural (3) _____ like the dinosaurs did. But sometimes animal species disappear because of things that humans do. What are some things that humans do that might hurt animals? Can you think of ways that we could (4) _____ animals from harm?

Why do animals become endangered? The biggest (5) _____ to most animals is losing their home. An animal that lose its home cannot find food. Many animals live in jungles and (6) _____. When people cut down trees animals lose their homes. People cut down trees to take the wood. People use the wood to build things like houses and (7) _____. People also use wood to make paper. People also cut (8) _____ trees to clear land for farms. Orangutans are endangered because people have cut down the jungle to make more farms. When the monkeys lose their food in the jungle, they (9) _____ the food from human farms. People don't like this so they kill the Orangutans. The Indonesian government made a National Park to protect the Orangutans. Here, cutting down trees and hunting animals is (10) _____. This is a place where animals and their habitat are safe from humans.

Another threat to animals is humans hunting them. Sometimes humans hunt animals for (11) _____. Humans also hunt animals to sell parts of their bodies. People sometimes use the skins of animals for clothing. Skins of animals are called (12) _____ and furs, and can be worth a lot of money. People also like art made from the horns or tusks of animals. The horns and tusks of some animals, like elephants, are called (13) _____ which can be sold for a lot of money. Some animals are killed by (14) _____ who sell parts of their bodies for traditional medicine. Shark fins are very (15) _____ and many people fish for sharks to sell their fins. Sadly, so many people do this that sharks are now endangered.

Another endangered animal is the Green Turtle. Turtles are dying (16) _____ people like to take their eggs and sell them and eat them. Another threat to turtles is people fishing with (17) _____. Sometimes turtles get caught in the fishing nets and die. 'The Turtles Island Park' in Sabah is a special marine park where people are not (18) _____ to fish or go near turtle's nesting grounds. People here also make (19) _____ that the turtles eggs are safe from people taking them to sell or eat. That way all the turtle eggs will (20) _____ into turtles one day!