

# 2.2 EXTREME LIFE

## 1 VOCABULARY: The natural world

A **Cross out** the word that is different in meaning.

1	territory	area	border
2	sea life	sand	fish
3	plant life	creature	tree
4	origin	creation	destination
5	habitat	environment	pond
6	adaptable	fixed	flexible
7	pond	habitat	lake
8	animal life	volcano	frog

B **Circle** the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 Camels can live for months in the desert without drinking water. They are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a plant life      b endangered      c survivors
- 2 The villagers did not hear the noise from the \_\_\_\_\_, but they saw smoke rising in the sky.  
a animal life      b volcano      c environment
- 3 Scientists are trying to identify the new \_\_\_\_\_ they discovered in the river.  
a territory      b origin      c form of life
- 4 Cutting down trees in a forest can harm an animal's natural \_\_\_\_\_.  
a environment      b creature      c pond
- 5 Some berries in the forest are \_\_\_\_\_. They can make you very sick.  
a poisonous      b plant life      c adaptable
- 6 The Asian elephant is one of the most famous \_\_\_\_\_.  
a poisonous      b endangered      c adaptable  
animals. There are fewer than 50,000 of them left on the planet.
- 7 Mosquitos are my least favorite \_\_\_\_\_. They usually head straight for me even if other people are around.  
a habitats      b origins      c creatures



## 2 GRAMMAR: Superlative structures; ungradable adjectives

A Complete each sentence with a phrase in the box.

absolutely freezing  
least poisonous

completely terrifying  
most dangerous animals

least amount  
smallest bird

- 1 The least poisonous snake is called the rat snake. Its bite may hurt, but it isn't deadly.
- 2 The smallest bird that scientists have found is called the bee hummingbird.
- 3 Greenland is one of the coldest places on Earth. It is absolutely freezing, especially in the winter.
- 4 Crocodiles are one of the most dangerous animals in the world. They kill hundreds of people each year.
- 5 An active volcano is a/an least amount thing to see.
- 6 The least amount of sleep a typical adult needs to stay healthy is around six to seven hours per night.

B Complete the sentences with phrases from the box and your own ideas.

absolutely awful	most / least adaptable	most / least colorful	most / least dangerous	most / least enjoyable
most / least interesting	most / least pleasant	most / least unique	most / least unlikely	

- 1 The least pleasant fish in the ocean is the least colorful.
- 2 Places with a lot of sun are the most adaptable places to live.
- 3 The most colorful are one of the most unique insects on Earth.
- 4 The most adaptable are one of the most unique animals to see in their natural habitat.
- 5 The least adaptable animal in the world is the least unique.
- 6 The least unique threat to endangered animals is the most adaptable.

## 3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A Complete the sentences about three of the life forms in the box. Use vocabulary from exercises 1A and 1B, superlative structures, and ungradable adjectives.

cockroaches      great white shark      kangaroos  
king cobra      octopus

- 1 The octopus is the strangest and most beautiful form of sea life.
- 2 The kangaroos are the least adaptable animals on Earth.
- 3 The king cobra is the most dangerous snake in the world.
- 4 The great white shark is the least adaptable animal in the ocean.

