

# 6 CLOSER TO NATURE

## GRAMMAR

### 1 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 There are millions of species
- 2 That beautiful park over there is the place
- 3 Tigers are on the 'red list'
- 4 Rainforests are forests
- 5 My friend Rebecca is an equine vet
- 6 I'd like you to meet Mr Jennings
- 7 That's the lion cub
- 8 He's the dog trainer

- A who is the gardener here.
- B which are characterised by high rainfall.
- C who my mother takes our dog to.
- D which means they are endangered.
- E which means she treats sick horses.
- F where we should have the picnic.
- G which still haven't been discovered.
- H which the rangers released into the wild.

### 2 Read the sentences you made in Exercise 1.

- 1 In which of the sentences is a comma needed between the two halves?
- 2 Why is a comma needed here?
- 3 Why is no comma needed in the other sentences?
- 4 In which sentences can the relative pronoun be omitted?
- 5 In which sentences can 'who' or 'which' be replaced by 'that'?

### 3 Complete the sentence with the correct relative pronoun.

- 1 I have never been back to the place \_\_\_\_\_ I was born.
- 2 The safari park, \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the first in the country, has closed down.
- 3 I would love to have a job \_\_\_\_\_ involved working with animals.
- 4 That's the scientist \_\_\_\_\_ I was telling you about last week.
- 5 Tasmania is an island \_\_\_\_\_ is near Australia.
- 6 The building \_\_\_\_\_ they made the scientific discovery is being demolished.



**4 Add one of the phrases from the box to each sentence.**

on which    for which    along which  
both of whom    all of which    neither of which  
one of which    to whom

- 1 There are four species of zebra, \_\_\_\_\_ are declining in number.
- 2 I grew up in the countryside, \_\_\_\_\_ I am very grateful.
- 3 We have three cats, \_\_\_\_\_ is a Siamese.
- 4 I have two sisters, \_\_\_\_\_ like gardening.
- 5 Julie has a guide dog, \_\_\_\_\_ she is totally dependent.
- 6 The man \_\_\_\_\_ she wrote is an expert on plants.
- 7 We have two pear trees in our garden, \_\_\_\_\_ bears fruit.
- 8 That's the path \_\_\_\_\_ the elephants walk to get to the river.

**5 Complete the gaps in the sentences with a preposition.**

- 1 We need to prevent the black rhino \_\_\_\_\_ dying out.
- 2 I don't approve \_\_\_\_\_ testing cosmetic products on animals.
- 3 The farmer warned us \_\_\_\_\_ entering the field with the bull.
- 4 The city is regarded \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most beautiful places to live in the world.
- 5 Bees are capable \_\_\_\_\_ producing only small amounts of honey.
- 6 My father insists \_\_\_\_\_ cutting the grass every weekend.
- 7 They congratulated the guide \_\_\_\_\_ a fantastic tour of the city.
- 8 I enquired \_\_\_\_\_ getting a membership card for the zoo.

## PUSH YOURSELF C1

**In each sentence, either ONE or BOTH of the complex prepositions are correct. Put a line through those that are incorrect.**

- 1 Photographers stayed up all night *in the hope of* / *by means of* getting pictures of the new-born lion cubs.
- 2 I love all animals *apart from* / *except for* snakes.
- 3 The pregnant panda is being moved to a new enclosure *ahead of* / *in front of* the birth.
- 4 I am writing *with regard to* / *in relation to* my recent visit to your wildlife park.
- 5 We made our decision *on the basis of* / *on account of* your previous experience with animals.
- 6 Richard went on the school trip to the zoo *on account of* / *along with* all the other students in his class.

## VOCABULARY

**1 Match each list to the correct phrase.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 tiger, polar bear, mountain gorilla, bluefin tuna</li> <li>2 forest, desert, grassland, wetlands</li> <li>3 the Himalayas, the Alps, the Andes</li> <li>4 climate change, water pollution, overfishing</li> <li>5 solar, wind, hydropower, bioenergy</li> <li>6 travelling by plane, using a computer, using plastic bags</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A environmental issues</li> <li>B renewable energy</li> <li>C carbon footprint</li> <li>D endangered species</li> <li>E mountain ranges</li> <li>F natural habitats</li> </ol> |
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**2 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below.**

- 1 We've just come back from a wonderful *travel* / *trip* to the Caribbean.
- 2 Please *say* / *tell* me what you think about the video I've just posted.
- 3 The closure of the zoo will have a negative *affect* / *effect* on the local economy.
- 4 The locals gave us some really good *advice* / *advise* on the best places to visit.
- 5 My sister is really *sensible* / *sensitive* and always cries when she watches wildlife documentaries.
- 6 I persuaded my cousin to let me *borrow* / *lend* her camera for my trip.
- 7 A lot of people often *chose* / *choose* to stay in hostels because they're cheaper than hotels.
- 8 We were not allowed to bring our own food onto the *sight* / *site*.