



Endangered animals



1. Match the words with their correct definitions.

There are a few different reasons why animals become endangered:

Climate change

Lots of animals live in forests, and when the trees are gone then their forest home disappears.

**Cutting down trees
(deforestation)**

The temperature in our world is getting hotter. Conditions change for animals like the polar bear who lives in the Arctic.

Over-hunting

This means hunting and killing animals illegally, such as killing a rhino for its ivory horn. Ivory is worth a lot of money.

Loss of habitat

When humans need to move to new areas to build homes and villages, an animal somewhere has a little less space to live than they used to.

Poaching

This means that an animal that's hunted for food doesn't have enough left to replenish its population; for example, if everyone catches hundreds of fish in the same lake every day, eventually there won't be any fish left in the lake. They cannot reproduce.

