



Endangered animals



1. Match the words with their correct definitions.

There are a few different reasons why animals become endangered:

Climate change

Cutting down trees
(deforestation)

Over-hunting

Loss of habitat

Poaching

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

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

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

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.

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.

