READING COMPREHENSION – UNIT 2

A – Read the story. What did Ana do to inspire people?

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B – Read the story again carefully. Remember: Re-read sentences to monitor your understanding.

Ana and the African Lions

Ana was excited. Her family was going to a restaurant with an African theme. The owner was a naturalist who collected animal shells and bones. Ana saw beautiful shells and feathers decorating the walls. But then she saw a lion's head hanging on the wall. The owner, Mr. Tate, came over.

"That's my African lion."

"Did you kill that lion?" Ana asked. "I thought you were a naturalist!"

"I am," he laughed. "I love studying animals. I didn't kill it. But I did buy it. A lot of people buy lion trophies here. Do you like it?"

Ana didn't say anything.

"I'm sorry that you're upset," he said kindly. "You can eat in the other room."

That night, Ana went to her computer and read about lions for a long time. Then she made a poster.

Ana sent the poster to Mr. Tate. She went back to the restaurant with her family a few days later.

"Ana," said Mr. Tate. "I got your poster. I'm sorry, but I don't want to take down the lion. My customers love it!"

Ana stared at him. "But lions might become extinct. May I put up the poster I sent you?"

"OK." He smiled. "You may put up your poster for a few days."

Help the African Lion!

The lion **population** has decreased by almost 50% in the last 20 years. Lions could become extinct! One big problem is lion **poaching**. We need to stop killing lions for trophies. We also need to add the African lion to the endangered list. This will make it easier to **protect** lions. YOU CAN HELP! Write a letter! Find out more from this **conservation** organization.

Friends of the African Lion

The next week, Ana went back to the restaurant and saw Mr. Tate.

"Hello, Ana! I'm glad to see you. My customers have seen your poster, and they've been talking about it. You have **inspired** some of them to write letters. Now they don't want my African lion on the wall. I've decided to take it down. Do you know what I want to do?"

"What?"

"I want to get my money back and give it to that conservation organization on your poster. You have inspired me, too!"

LIVEWORKSHEETS

C – Monitor and clarify by re-reading. Circle *True* or *False*.

1. The restaurant owner was a poacher.	T	F
2. The customers were not interested in the poster.	T	F
3. The customers were talking about the information in the poster.	T	F
4. Lion populations have decreased.	T	F
5. Lions could become extinct.	T	F
6. People in the U.S. do not buy trophies.	T	F
7. No customers wrote letters about protecting lions.	T	F
8. Mr. Tate decided to give money to the conservation organization.	T	F

D – Why did Mr. Tate change his mind and decide to take the lion trophy down from the wall?

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E – Words in context – Fill in the blanks.

Jungle *wildlife* *hunters* *injuries* *mission* *National Park*

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A lot of _____ lives in the _____.

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Jim Corbett's _____ was the preservation of tigers. Corbett _____ was named after him.

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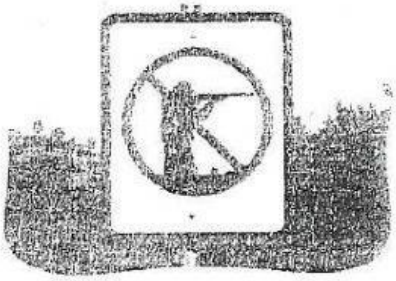

Poachers are _____ that kill animals illegally.

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Animals in the wild can have _____ that make it hard to hunt for food.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

F – Answer the questions using not more than *three words.*

1. What was the owner of the restaurant? _____
2. What did he collect? _____
3. Had Mr. Tate killed the lion on the wall? _____
4. How did Ana feel when she saw the trophy? _____

G – What did customers at Mr. Tate´s restaurant learn? Circle the right options.

1. The African lion population had decreased by nearly 50% since 1996.
2. Lions are disappearing because hunters kill them for their meat.
3. People can help if they get involved, if they contact the conservation organization.
4. The illegal killing of animals is the reason why African lions are endangered.

H – How do you feel after reading Ana´s poster? How would you help the African lion?

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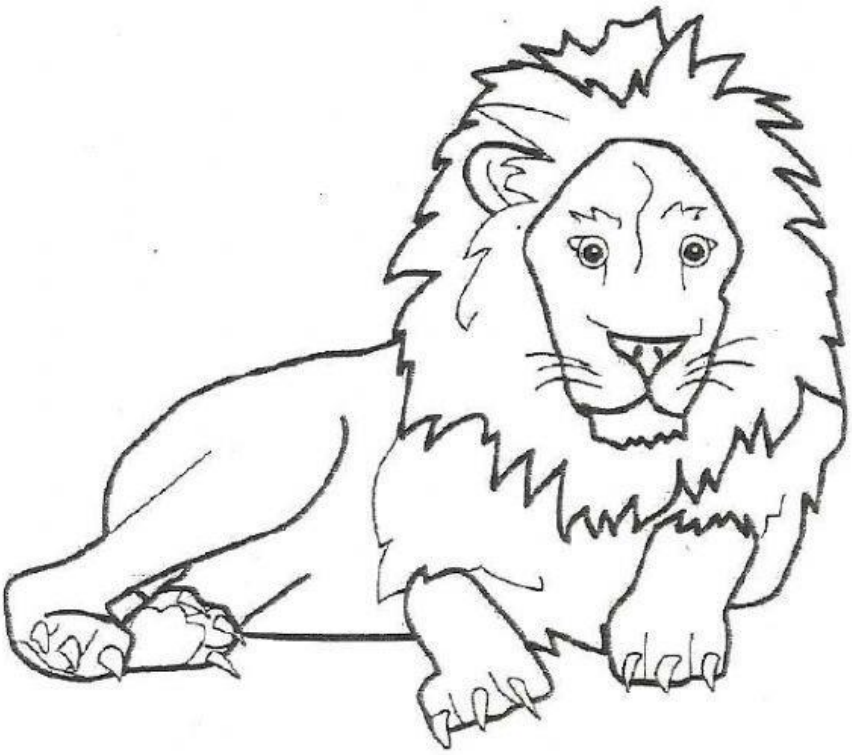

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