

Grammar

I will learn to use *How many...?*, *there were/there are*, *Why...?*, and *because* to ask about animals.

How many chimpanzees were there 100 years ago?

There **were** more than one million. But now there **are** only about 200,000.

10 Complete the sentences with **how many**, **there were**, and **there are**.

- How many Komodo dragons were there fifty years ago?
There were more than 20,000. But now there are probably fewer than 5,000 in the Komodo Islands.
- _____ Andean condors were there in the past?
_____ many Andean condors in the mountains of South America. But now _____ only a few thousand left.
- _____ volcano rabbits were there fifty years ago?
_____ only about 1,000. We don't know how many _____ now, but probably only a few hundred.
- _____ Tasmanian devils were there twenty-five years ago?
_____ more than 100,000 Tasmanian devils.
But now _____ only about 20,000.



Why are chimpanzees endangered?

They're endangered **because** people are moving into their habitat.

11 Read and talk about why these animals are endangered.

- Why are Komodo dragons endangered?
People are killing them. / People are moving into their habitat.
- Why are Andean condors endangered?
Other animals are killing them. / They are getting sick and dying.
- Why are volcano rabbits endangered?
People are destroying their habitat. / There is too much pollution.
- Why are Tasmanian devils endangered?
People are killing them. / People are moving into their habitat.

12 Work with a partner and find out more about each of the animals in 10 and 11. Discuss.