

UNIT 5: GRAMMAR

I. Complete the sentences with How many, there were and there are.

How many chimpanzees were there 100 years ago?

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

1. _____ Komodo dragons were there fifty years ago?
_____ more than 20,000. But now _____
probably fewer than 5,000 in the Komodo Islands.



2. _____ Andean condors were there in the past?
_____ many Andean condors in the mountains of South America.
But now _____ only a few thousand left.

3. _____ volcano rabbits were there fifty years ago?
_____ only about 1,000. We don't know how many
_____ now, but probably only a few hundred.



4. _____ Tasmanian devils were there twenty-five years ago?
_____ more than 100,000 Tasmanian devils.
But now _____ only about 20,000.

II. Read and choose about why these animals are endangered.

Why are chimpanzees endangered?

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

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