

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED SCIENCES - IBRA

LEVEL 3. Reading

Unit.4. Reading. A. Vocabulary, Use the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.

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| survive | diverse | stable | estimate |
| ecosystem | population | quantity | |

Many people think that predators like lions, leopards and cheetahs are bad animals and it is not wrong to kill them. However, they are very important part of the 1. _____ and removing them will have disastrous effects on all animals. These predators help to keep the number of plant eating animals 2. _____. If there are no predators the 3 _____ of these animals will multiply and they will eat up all the plants. This will lead to the death of all of them. The predators usually hunt and eat the sick and weak animals. They ensure that only strong and healthy animals 4. _____ and thus they help to make sure that only healthy and strong animals reproduce to have good babies. However, the number of predators like lions and tigers have gone down dramatically in recent years. Scientists 5. _____ that only about 5% of their original numbers live today in the wild.

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