

Reading Test

What We Need to Know about Endangered Animals

There are over 16,000 endangered species. And in the last 500 years, over 800 species went extinct. The polar bear is an endangered species that lives in the tundra. The main problem that the polar bear faces is global warming. The ice caps are melting, and their home is disappearing. Luckily, it's not too late to pollute less and save their home.

Another example is the African elephant, who lives in the tropical savannah. Sadly, humans hunt these creatures and remove their tusks. We shouldn't buy any products that use their tusks.

We also have the hammerhead shark, a marine animal that lives in the coral reef. These animals suffer a lot. Their fins are removed by fishermen and then thrown back into the sea, unable to swim. And what can we do? Stop polluting the sea, and again, not consume any products that contain them.

On a day to day basis we can close the trash bags properly, so animals don't eat dangerous trash. We can recycle to protect the environment, and most importantly we need to stay informed.

Match the animal with its corresponding name.

1. Polar Bear



2. African Elephant



3. The hammerhead shark.



1. Circle the correct option.

I. What biome is the African elephant from?

- a) **Tundra**
- b) **Forest**
- c) **Tropical savannah**

II. What biome does the Hammerhead Shark live in?

- a) **Coral reef**
- b) **Desert**
- c) **Woodland**

III. What is a characteristic of the tundra?

- a) **Mostly grasslands.**
- b) **Low temperatures and short seasons, a very cold weather.**
- c) **Mainly no plants and no precipitation.**

2. Write the correct answer.

I. Why are Hammerhead sharks in danger?

II. Why is the polar bear's habitat disappearing?

3. Fill in the blanks with the information from the text.

Animal	Biome	Reason of endangerment
Polar Bear		
African Elephant		
Hammerhead Shark		