

Lesson 2: Animals in the UAE

Activity 3 Practice



Animals of the UAE

There are many types of animals in the UAE, for example the Arabian oryx and the Arabian leopard. In the past, some of these animals **were** in danger because of hunting.

Sheikh Zayed **started** a conservation programme in Al Ain to save the Arabian oryx. Oryx **moved** to Sir Baniyas Island and today around 700 oryx live there. Thanks to Sheikh Zayed's successful programme, the UAE now **has** the largest number of Arabian oryx in the world - more than 6200.

The Sheikh Muhammad Bin Zayed Arabian Oryx Reintroduction Programme

This programme started in 2007. They **introduced** 160 oryx to areas where oryx **lived** in the past. These areas are **protected**. Oryx can live there safely. There are protected areas all over the UAE. The Arabian oryx protected area in Abu Dhabi is the largest protected area in the UAE.

1- Complete the tables with the **present forms** of the verbs.

	Present	Past
1.	hunt	hunted
2.		started
3.		moved
4.		introduced

	Present	Past
5.		lived
6.		protected
7.		were
8.		had

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2. Complete the sentences with the **past forms** of the verbs in the table.

1. In the past, people **hunted** oryx.
2. In the past, animals _____ in danger.
3. Sheikh Zayed _____ a program to save the Arabian Oryx.
4. In 1977, Arabian oryx _____ to Sir Baniyas Island.
5. The UAE _____ land for oryx.
6. In 2007, they _____ 160 oryx to areas where oryx _____ in the past.