



Name: Class: Grade 5

Total Indicators: 14

6Ri2: Look for implicit meanings, and make plausible inferences based on more than one point in the text (1, 2, 4, 7).

6Rx1: Distinguish between fact and opinion in a range of texts and other media (3).

6Wp2: Develop grammatical control of complex sentences manipulating them for effect (6).

6Wa3: Explore definitions, shades of meaning and use of new words in context (5, 8).

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Part 1

Reading: non-fiction

Read the extract and answer the questions.

(13)

AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

A hundred years ago, there were probably 100,000 wild tigers. By the 1970s, there were only 4,000.

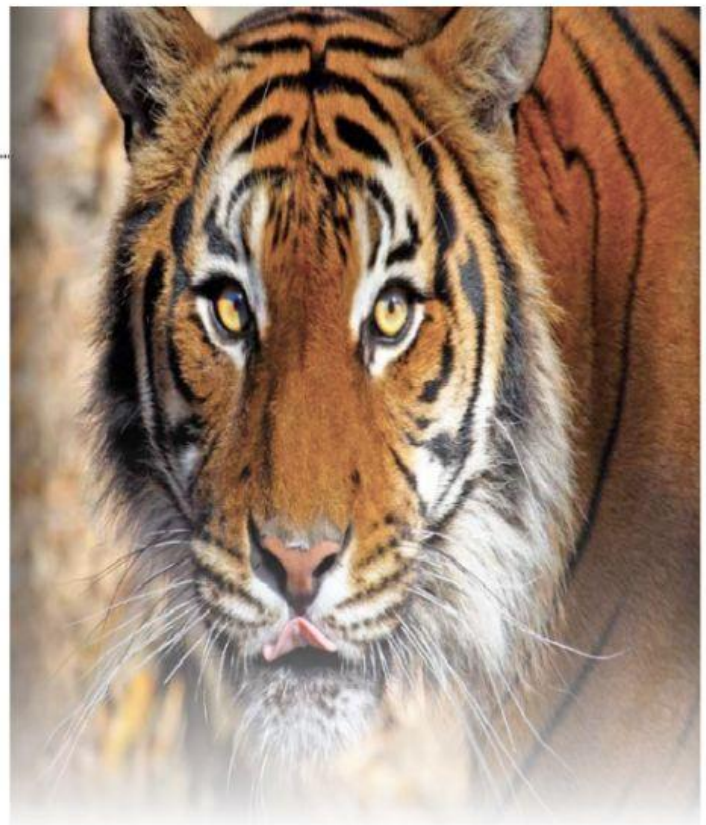
Some people make lots of money by hunting tigers illegally, either killing the tigers or catching them to sell. A single tiger can bring up to \$50,000. Hunting animals illegally is called poaching.

In the wild, tigers can live to be 12 to 15 years old. In zoos or parks, they can live to be 20 or more.

Baby tigers are always in danger of being eaten by other animals. Lions, crocodiles, and wild dogs steal tiger cubs from their mothers. Sometimes, if they are really hungry, other tigers will even eat cubs.

Adult tigers are in little danger from other animals. But they are in a great deal of danger from people. People have hunted tigers for sport and for their brightly striped skins. In some places, people kill tigers to use their body parts in medicines. Tiger body parts have never been proven to cure illnesses, but some people believe that they do. Cutting down forests, farming, and building roads, dams, and towns have also destroyed many of the tigers' habitats.

Today, tigers are said to be **endangered**. Nobody knows exactly how many are left in the world. Most tigers today live in zoos or parks. There are probably only 5,000 to 7,000 left in the wild. Scientists are worried about whether wild tigers can still be saved. Many countries have passed laws to keep people from killing tigers or using their body parts in medicines. Even so, poaching is still a big problem. But some people and governments are



working to save places where the tigers can live. And scientists are studying these colorful animals to learn all they can. Many people still hope to find ways to keep these amazing animals living free.

Today, the country with the largest number of tigers is the United States! Some 12,000 tigers live there—although not in the wild.

1. Why are baby tigers always in danger?

(1)

- a) They are not very clever. b) Other animals eat them c) They can't swim.

2. Why do most tigers today live in zoos and parks?

(1)

- a) They are not safe in the wild. b) They like living in zoos. c) There is lots of tiger food at the zoo.

**3. Look at the statement: There are 5000 to 7000 tigers left in the wild.
Is this a fact or opinion?**

(1)

- a) Fact b) Opinion

4. How do countries try to save the tigers that are left?

(2)

- a) They catch all the tigers and put them in zoos.
b) They give the tigers food.
c) They pass laws to stop people killing tigers or using their body parts in medicines.

5. Find the word in paragraph 3 that means:

(2)

Animals that may soon not exist because there are very few now alive.

- a) endangered b) poaching c) scientists

6. Find an example of a complex sentence from the text.

(2)

- a) Sometimes, if they are really hungry, other tigers will even eat cubs.
b) Adult tigers are in little danger from other animals.
c) Cutting down forests, farming and building roads, dams and towns have also destroyed many of the tigers' habitats.

7. If we do not protect the tigers then what will happen to them?

(2)

- a) Nothing b) They will become extinct. c) There will be too many tigers.

8. Which word means:

(2)

Hunting animals illegally.

- a) hunting b) endangered c) poaching