

C. WRITING

Exercise 1 : Label the endangered animals in the pictures. Use the words in the box.

Arctic fox	bald eagle	blue whale	gorilla	marine iguana	panda
polar bear	snow leopard	tiger	white rhino		

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Exercise 2 : Read the facts about the endangered animals. Then match the animals with the facts.

bald eagle	blue whale	gorilla	panda	tiger	white rhino
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1 These animals are in danger because people continue to hunt them and also, they are often attacked by sharks.

2 These animals are in danger because people want their horns for medicine.

3 The bamboo they eat is being destroyed for new land development.

4 This 'king of the sky' was endangered due to chemicals used in farming but numbers are now growing again.

5 This beautiful creature declined in numbers in the past because people wanted its fur for decoration.

6 These animals live in forests and due to many reasons including war, hunting and destruction of their homes, numbers are very low.

Exercise 3 : In IELTS Writing Task 2, you may be asked to write an essay which includes two questions. It is important that you identify the key words in the questions. Look at the essay question.

Many animals are becoming endangered due to the loss of their natural habitat through urban development and deforestation.

Is it important to protect animals? How can we solve this problem?

Match the underlined key words from the essay question with the definitions.

deforestation

endangered

habitat

protect

solve

urban

- 1 : the cutting down of trees in a large area, or the destruction of forests by people
- 2 : to find an answer to a problem
- 3 : of or in a city or town
- 4 : animals or plants that may soon not exist because there are very few now alive
- 5 : to keep someone or something safe from injury, damage or loss
- 6 : the natural environment in which an animal or plant usually lives

Exercise 4 :

In IELTS Writing Task 2, you may be asked to write an essay which includes **two** questions. It is important that you answer **both** questions.

Many animals are becoming endangered due to the loss of their natural habitat through urban development and deforestation.

Question 1: *Is it important to protect animals?*

Question 2: *How can we solve this problem?*

Look at the ideas (1–6) and decide which of the two questions they answer.

	Question 1	Question 2
1 People should be more careful about the things they buy and companies they use.	☐	☐
2 Animals need support because they cannot compete with human technology.	☐	☐
3 Animals are important when we think about the local environment and the ecosystem.	☐	☐
4 We should have more protected land and property developers should not be allowed to build in certain places.	☐	☐
5 The population should be controlled to stop the need for urban development.	☐	☐
6 Animals should be able to survive by themselves as this is how nature works.	☐	☐

Exercise 5 :

Look at the essay question again.

Many animals are becoming endangered due to the loss of their natural habitat through urban development and deforestation.

Is it important to protect animals? How can we solve this problem?

Then read the student's essay. Which of the ideas are included in the essay? Choose Yes or No.

Many animals today are in danger of disappearing. As the population grows, we need more houses and facilities and, therefore, we have to create more land by cutting down trees. This leads to animals losing their natural homes. This essay will discuss why I believe we need to help these animals and also consider how we can do this.

Firstly, some people say we should not protect endangered animals because that would be interfering with nature, but I believe we should. When we cut down forests to build cities, we are changing the environment, so we need to think about all of the plants and animals in order to keep a balance. For example, pandas eat only bamboo, and when this plant is destroyed, they cannot adapt and survive; therefore, people are causing the problem, so it is our responsibility to find an answer.

There are several ways in which we can help to protect animals in danger. Firstly, the government needs to be more careful when planning new developments; they need to examine the land they are using and decide if it should be protected. Additionally, the public need to be more aware; we should not use products like rhino horn which harm endangered animals. This is very important and we need to be more involved if we want our children to see the same animals in the future.

In conclusion, it is clear that we need to protect animals more in the future if we want to be sure that future generations can enjoy them. To protect this wildlife, it is important that both the government and the public become more involved.

	Yes	No
1 Animals should be able to survive by themselves as this is how nature works.	☐	☐
2 Animals need support because they cannot compete with human technology.	☐	☐
3 Animals are important when we think about the local environment and the ecosystem.	☐	☐
4 Property developers should not be allowed to build in certain places.	☐	☐
5 The population should be controlled to stop the need for urban development.	☐	☐
6 People should be more careful about the products they use.	☐	☐

Exercise 6 : It is important that your answer to IELTS Writing Task 2 has a clear conclusion. Read the statements about writing a good conclusion. Choose the correct words to complete the statements.

- 1 You should/ shouldn't introduce new ideas.
- 2 You should/ shouldn't answer every part of the question in the conclusion.
- 3 You should/ shouldn't repeat the same vocabulary from the main paragraphs.
- 4 You should/ shouldn't summarise your answer – don't repeat every argument.
- 5 You should/ shouldn't explain all your ideas again.

Exercise 7: There are several phrases you can use to start a conclusion. Complete the opening sentences from different concluding paragraphs. Use the words in the box.

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- 1 In _____, it can be seen that protecting animals is the most important issue.
- 2 To sum _____, there are both advantages and disadvantages with this topic.
- 3 _____, we need to consider pollution and its effect on the world.
- 4 In the _____, climate change is definitely a growing problem.
- 5 To _____, the growing number of vegetarians highlights our changing ideas in modern society.
- 6 _____ summary, there are many issues when we consider reducing the amount of carbon we use.
- 7 _____ we have seen, we can observe that there are many different arguments.

Exercise 10 : WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic.

Many people believe that zoos have no purpose in today's world and should be closed. What problems do zoos bring? What are the alternatives to zoos if they are closed?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

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