



# UNIT 1: READING 2

## PLANT EXTINCTION

### VOCABULARY

*Draw a line to the correct definition.*

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. poverty      | a. An expert in the scientific study of plants.        |
| 2. species      | b. Becoming more apparent, important, or prominent.    |
| 3. botanist     | c. The state of being extremely poor.                  |
| 4. emerging     | d. The variety of life in the world                    |
| 5. biodiversity | e. A disease that spreads rapidly over the whole world |
| 6. extinction   | j. Organisms that feed on organics (ex. mushrooms)     |
| 7. pandemic     | k. A fact or process of a species completely dieing    |
| 8. fungi        | l. A group of living organisms that are similar        |

## LISTENING



***Listen to the text and fill in the gaps.***

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# Plant Extinction

***Now, read the article that you have just listened to:***

Scientists say two-fifths of the world's plants are at risk of extinction. Their research is called the State of the World's Plants and Fungi. The scientists analysed plants in 42 countries. A top botanist said: "We are living in an age of extinction....We're losing the race against time because species are disappearing....Many of them could [solve]...challenges of medicine and even perhaps of the emerging and current pandemics we are seeing today."

There are positive signs. Over 4,000 species were discovered in 2019. These include foods that could help millions of people suffering from poverty. The botanist said it was important to protect all plant life. He said: "We would not be able to survive without plants and fungi – all life depends on them. Every time we lose a species, we lose an opportunity for humankind." Leading scientists met to ask world leaders to act against biodiversity loss.

## TRUE / FALSE:

***Read the headline. Guess if 1-8 below are true (T) or false (F).***

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. The warning about plant extinction comes from a piece of research.      | T / F |
| 2. A botanist warned that we are living in an age of extinction.           | T / F |
| 3. The botanist said some new species could help fight pandemics.          | T / F |
| 4. The article says 4,000 new plant species were found in the past decade. | T / F |
| 5. New plant species could be really important for the poor and hungry.    | T / F |
| 6. A botanist said we could survive without fungi.                         | T / F |
| 7. Scientists said world leaders would not act to curb biodiversity loss.  | T / F |



## PHRASE MATCH:

*Draw a line to the phrase that best completes it (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.).*

### **PARAGRAPH 1**

- plants
- The scientists analysed plants
- A top
- We are living in an age
- the race
- species are
- challenges of
- emerging and current
- pandemics
- against time
- in 42 countries
- medicine
- botanist
- and fungi
- disappearing
- of extinction

### **PARAGRAPH 2**

- There are positive
- people suffering
- We would not be
- all life depends
- we lose an
- Leading
- ask world leaders
- biodiversity
- opportunity
- loss
- signs
- able to survive
- to act
- on them
- from poverty
- scientists