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2b Look at the information below. Are the sentences in 2a True (T) or False (F)?

THE AMUR TIGER

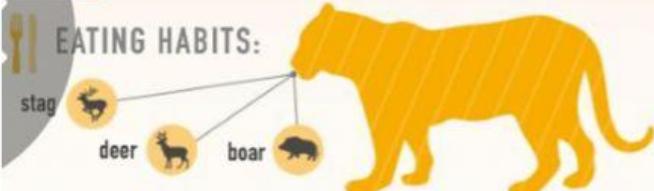
AN ENDANGERED SPECIES



POPULATION DISTRIBUTION:

■ in Russia 90% (approximately 450);
■ in China 10% (approximately 22)

PICTURE 4



PICTURE 6



BODY OF A MALE:

Maximum length 350cm.
Weight approximately
250 kilos/3 human males.



STATUS EXTINCT THREATENED LOW RISK

PICTURE 1

THREATENED

LOW RISK

ENDANGERED

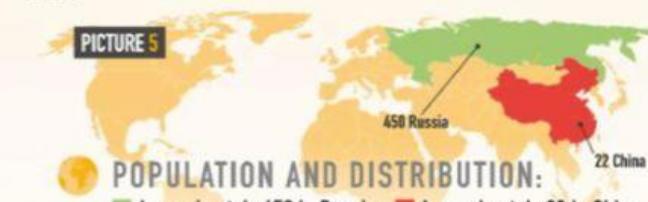
PICTURE 3



HABITAT:

Lives in forest areas
near mountain rivers,
at an altitude of
400–700 metres above
the sea.

PICTURE 5



POPULATION AND DISTRIBUTION:

■ Approximately 450 in Russia. ■ Approximately 22 in China.

PICTURE 7

Changes in the Amur tiger population (approximate numbers)

■ Amur tigers in China

■ Amur tigers in Russia



PICTURE 8

Changes in the Amur tiger population

■ Amur tigers in China

■ Amur tigers in Russia



Look at these statements about the Amur tiger. What do the underlined words mean? Use your dictionary if necessary.

- 1 A big male Amur tiger is about 350 cm long. T/F
- 2 Amur tigers live mainly in Russia. T/F
- 3 Amur tigers are carnivorous. T/F
- 4 The population of Amur tigers in Russia fell in the 1980s. T/F
- 5 The population of Amur tigers in China is rising. T/F
- 6 Amur tigers live at the top of mountains. T/F
- 7 The Amur tiger is an endangered species. T/F

A quick introduction to infographics

There is an old expression in English which says 'A picture is worth a thousand words'. That really is the key to infographics. Infographics are visual presentations of information. By using infographics you can give lots of information, even complicated information, in a very fast, clear, direct and memorable way. The visual elements help to make information attractive and interesting. They can include graphs, pie charts, maps, colour coding, diagrams, icons and tables. These make it easy to present a lot of statistics and facts in a compact space.

Infographics are not new. We could even say that Egyptian hieroglyphics are examples of infographics. The map of the London Underground is a great example too. It takes a complex network of train lines and transforms them into a colourful, clear, attractive diagram which is easy to use. In 1972 and 1973, NASA took infographics into space. The idea was that if people on different planets found the pictures, they could understand all the basics about our planet without needing any translation!

