

Endangered animals

Teacher's Name	
Student's Level (CEFR)	
Grade	
Skills to develop	READING-WRITING
OBJECTIVE	
To improve reading and writing skills through reading comprehension activities about endangered animals.	

1. Watch the following <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1IDQScJ1cs> video and do the exercises.

I. Which animals' species are endangered?



II. Tick right answers

- Why do animals become endangered?

Global warming

Food

Business

Deforestation

Pollution

Poaching

Economy

Hunting



- Which are the best tips to protect endangered animals?

Save energy

Waste money

Save environments

Save water

Avoid plastic

Free hunting

Buy regional products

2. Read the text and solve the exercises.

LET'S SAVE THE WILD ANIMALS OF OUR WORLD!!

Hello to you all! My name is Laura Ashley. I am a zoologist and I work to preserve and save endangered species, that is animals which are disappearing from our planet, because of the changes in climate, hunting, or poaching, and the destruction of their habitat. Do you know that one of the last male white rhino has just died and here are some estimates for some very emblematic



animals .There are only about 700 mountain gorillas left, 1,600 giant pandas, between 2,000 and 3,000 Bengal tigers, between 7,000and 10,000 cheetahs , about 130 condors, less than 50 Amur leopards, between 4,000 and 6,600 snow leopards ,about 7,000 orangutans, 80% of the population of the white shark has disappeared in less than 15 years, 80% of the population of the Irrawaddy dolphin has disappeared in the last 50 years. The Chinese dolphin disappeared in 2006, the giant Pinta tortoise

in 2012, 50% of the Asian elephants were exterminated in one century. Many species are nearly extinct in the wild and can only be seen in zoos !!With the ice disappearing at the poles, polar bears are threatened. Elephants are killed for the ivory of their tusks, rhinos are killed just for their tusks as well, which are reduced to powder and supposed to have medical power. Big cats are killed for their fur, or hunted in safaris for fun! The destruction of big forests leads to the death of many species of animals and plants. Even the bees are dying massively and don't forget that if they do disappear, men will follow soon after. So it is our responsibility and yours as well, your young generations to do our best to preserve the biodiversity of our planet!!

III. Answer:

- What is the reading about?

- What are the factors which explain that phenomenon?

- Why are elephants killed?

- Why are big cats killed?

- Why are Polar bears in danger?

IV. Complete the chart using your knowledge.

ENDANGED ANIMAL	CAUSE	HOW TO PROTECT
LEOPARD		
BLACK RHINO		
SEA TURTLE		
GORILLA		
POLAR BEAR		
GIANT PANDA		
BENGAL TIGERS		

V. Write the right animals to complete the sentences.

- There are a lot of.....in the wild.
- There are not many.....in the world.
- There is not any.....living/existing nowadays.



VI. Match the concept with the word.

• **Endangered**

No longer existing or living.

• **Extinct**

A kind, variety, or type of animals.

• **Species**

To be exposed to danger.

Images taken from google.com

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