BIG QUESTION 1

Why do we protect animals?

Think and write.

What do you know?

What do you want to know?

UNIT 1 Get Ready

Words

A Match the words and pictures or definitions.

1	elephant bird	i	
2	species	b	
3	quagga	c	continue to live
4	woolly mammoth	d	
5	habitat	e	use in an unfair way
6	extinct	f	
7	dodo	g	natural home of an animal
8	survive	h	similar group of living things
9	sea wolf	i	
10	exploit	j	safe place for animals
11	endangered	k	
12	sanctuary	l	in danger of being extinct

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B Circle the correct answer.

1 There are no more woolly mammoths because they are _____ .
- **a** survive
- **b** quagga
- **c** extinct
- **d** habitat

2 A _____ looked like a zebra with stripes on the front of its body.
- **a** dodo
- **b** quagga
- **c** habitat
- **d** sanctuary

3 _____ was an animal with two legs that could not fly.
- **a** An elephant bird
- **b** A species
- **c** A sea wolf
- **d** A woolly mammoth

4 The natural _____ of an animal is where it lives.
- **a** endangered
- **b** species
- **c** habitat
- **d** exploit

5 A _____ was a bird that could not fly.
- **a** woolly mammoth
- **b** dodo
- **c** quagga
- **d** sea wolf

6 A _____ was an animal that didn't live on land.
- **a** quagga
- **b** woolly mammoth
- **c** dodo
- **d** sea wolf

C Write the missing word.

exploit	survive	endangered	species	woolly mammoth	sanctuary

1 When we ___exploit___ animals, we use them in unfair ways.
2 There are many different _____ of birds.
3 We need to protect animals so that they can _____ .
4 Animals that are _____ might become extinct if we don't protect them.
5 The _____ is extinct now. It was related to the elephant.
6 A _____ is a safe place for animals to live.



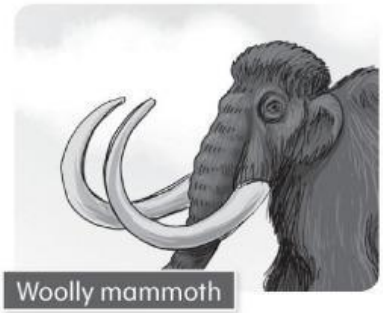
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Read

A Read the article. Why do elephants need our help?

B Read the article again. When you read, think about the author's purpose. What does she want you to learn?

Elephants in Danger



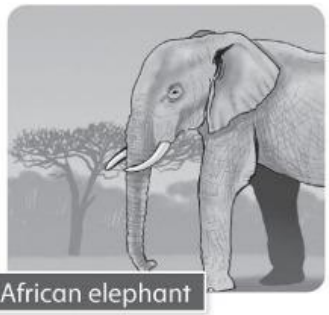
Woolly mammoth

Have you ever seen a **woolly mammoth**? Maybe you have seen one in a book or movie, but you've never seen a real one. Why? Because they became extinct about 4,000 years ago. However, you can see its modern-day relative, the elephant.

Elephants are the largest living animals on land. They can weigh about 7,000 kg and be 4 meters high. There are two **species** of elephants—Asian elephants and African elephants. The two species look a little different. An African elephant's ear is big and floppy. It looks like a map of Africa! An Asian elephant's ear is smaller. The shape looks like a map of India!

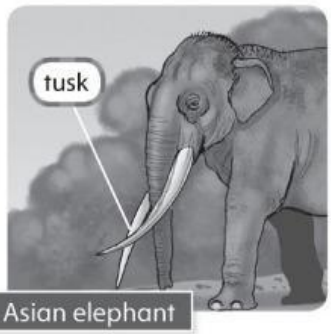
All elephants eat plants. They eat grasses, leaves, fruit, branches, and tree bark. An elephant can eat about 200 kg of food in a day!

Elephants are very intelligent and sensitive animals. They live in family groups. Different families of elephants meet to socialize. Elephants communicate over long distances with very low sounds. People can't hear them!



African elephant

The sad news about elephants is that they are **endangered**, or in danger of becoming extinct. The numbers of elephants has been decreasing for many years. Elephants still live in some parts of Africa and Asia, but they have disappeared from West Asia, Java, and most of China.



Asian elephant

Why are elephants disappearing? One reason is that people have been **exploiting** elephants for their ivory tusks. Another reason is that people have been destroying the elephants' **habitat** to use the land.

Many environmental groups have been working to stop people from killing elephants for ivory and to stop people from selling and buying ivory. People have built **sanctuaries**, or protected areas, for elephants to live in safely. We have to protect elephants if we want them to survive. We don't want them to become **extinct** like the woolly mammoths.

Think
What does the author want you to learn?

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Comprehension

A **Circle the sentences that tell why the author wrote the story.**

1 The author thinks it is sad that elephants may become extinct.
2 The author thinks it is important to kill elephants for ivory.
3 The author thinks it is important to protect endangered animals.
4 The author wants you to learn about elephants so that you will care about them.
5 The author thinks it is okay for elephants to become extinct.

B **Choose the correct answer.**

1 Why do people kill elephants?
   a Elephants eat too many plants.
   b People want to protect the land.
   c People want to get ivory tusks.
   d Elephants communicate with low sounds.

2 What is one thing that environmental groups do NOT do?
   a They try to protect elephants.
   b They try to change elephant habitats.
   c They try to stop people from selling ivory.
   d They try to stop people from buying ivory.

C **Why is it important to protect elephants in Asia and Africa?**

_____

_____

_____

D **Words in Context** Fill in the blanks.

existed	eventually	mammals	suffered	atmosphere	rare

1 Many reptiles, birds, and _____ have become extinct.
2 Woolly mammoths _____ more than 4,000 years ago, but now they're extinct.
3 Changes in the _____ can cause changes in climate and habitats.
4 Elephants have _____ from people exploiting them for their tusks.
5 Soon it may be _____ to see any elephants. _____ they may become extinct.

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Grammar in Use



A Study the grammar.

Learn **Present Perfect and Present Perfect Continuous**

Present Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
• Have you ever seen a woolly mammoth? • You've never seen a real mammoth. • I have learned a lot about animals. • She has written two books about wildlife. • We have never gone to that wildlife sanctuary. • They have read books about elephants.	• People have been exploiting elephants for many years. • I have been learning about elephants this week in school. • He has been writing a new book about elephants. • We have been going to the wildlife sanctuary every Saturday. • They have been reading about elephants for their wildlife project.

Tip
you have = you've
they have = they've
I have = I've
she has = she's
he has = he's
we have = we've

B Change the verbs. Fill in the chart.

	Present	Present Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
1	She plays.	She has played.	She has been playing.
2	I play.	I have played.	I have been playing.
3	They learn.		
4	We travel.		
5	You talk.		
6	He eats.		
7	I walk.		
8	She listens.		

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C Fill in the blanks.

has been playing	has been traveling	have been studying	has played
has traveled	have studied		

1 

Angie _____ soccer for one hour.

2 

Didi _____ to many places in his life.

3 

Angie _____ soccer a lot this week.

4 

They _____ math for two hours.

5 

Didi _____ since last week.

6 

They _____ everything they need to know for the test.

D Write a reason. Use the present perfect continuous.

1 Amity is very tired.

_____

2 Gil's hands are cold.

_____

3 Eliza is bored.

_____

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Word Study

A Fill in the chart. Add or take away the suffix *-able*.

	NOUN or VERB	ADJECTIVE
1	depend	
2		adjustable
3		excitable
4	adore	
5		preventable
6	solve	
7	comfort	
8		avoidable

B Fill in the blanks. Use all the words in **A**.

1 I like to ~~prevent~~ problems before they happen.
Many problems are _____ .

2 My new chair is very _____ . I need that _____ when I am tired.

3 I hope I can _____ on you to get the job done.
I need someone very _____ for this work.

4 I bought _____ shelves so I can put more books on them.
Can you help me _____ them?

5 The zoo's baby bear is _____ . The children _____ watching it play.

6 Most fights are _____ . If you talk about a problem, you can _____ getting into a fight.

7 My dog is very _____ . Every sound _____ him.

8 I could not _____ that puzzle. I don't think that puzzle is _____ .



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Writing Study

A **Write a check (✓) next to a full sentence. Write an × next to a fragment. Then fix the fragment.**

1 Elephants still in some parts of Africa. ☒ They have disappeared from West Asia. ☑
Elephants still live in some parts of Africa.

2 I want to help to save elephants. ☐ Going to write letters. ☐

3 Environmental groups working hard. ☐ They are stopping people from killing elephants. ☐

4 The woolly mammoths the elephants' relatives. ☐ Elephants are facing some of the same problems today. ☐

5 They trying to save the elephants' habitat. ☐ They don't want elephants to become extinct. ☐

6 People have been selling ivory. ☐ I never seen anything made of ivory. ☐

B **Write a paragraph. Make sure to use full sentences. Use examples of present perfect and present perfect progressive. Remember to use present perfect progressive when something is still happening.**

We have been learning a lot in this book about protecting animals. We have read about elephants. Next we will learn about lions. We have been thinking about the question, Why do we protect animals? You have seen a lot of examples of reasons that elephants need people to protect them. What other animals have you been thinking about? Have you ever seen those animals?



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