

Unit 06

Preserving Land



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Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you think animals should be seen as equal to humans?
- 2 Do you think humans are cruel or kind to animals?
- 3 What animals do you know that have gone extinct?

Introducing the Topic

As human development increases around the world, we often move into new places where plant and animal species make their homes. As a result, some people say humans need to help our animal friends. One way would be to save land just for plants and animals to make their homes and to live without human interruption. However, this could be very expensive.

Learning about the Topic

Should we save land for endangered species instead of using it?



Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Around 40 percent of the world's animal species may soon be extinct. These animals **range from** huge whales to tiny insects. Several plant species are also endangered. In many cases, these species are endangered due to humans. Some people argue that endangered species need to be protected. One way to do this is to save land for endangered species.

Save Land for Endangered Species

For one, saving land to help plants and animals is **humane**. Plants and animals are living creatures. Many animals display humanlike **awareness** and emotions. Destroying land that is home to endangered species can lead to their **extinction**.



Taking their homes away and leaving them to die is wrong. Next, endangered species can help humans develop and improve medicine. For example, medicine made from the foxglove plant treats heart disease and has saved people's lives for decades. If endangered species die, then thousands of possible sources of medicines will disappear forever.

Use Land for Human Needs

For one, saving land to protect endangered species is a waste of resources. It would cost huge amounts of money. According to the BBC, saving endangered species could cost nearly 80 billion dollars a year. This money could be used to help people who are in need. It is more important to help humans who are suffering than to help endangered plants and animals. Next, extinction is a natural process. About 99 percent of all the plants and animals that have ever lived are now extinct. Many of these species died during **mass** extinctions that took place every 50 to 100 million years. Humans should not try to stop these species from dying out naturally.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

mass range from extinction awareness humane

1. Korean tigers were hunted into _____.
2. There was a(n) _____ protest in front of city hall.
3. The homeless received _____ treatment from the volunteers.
4. Octopuses have the _____ to recognize people's faces.
5. The people in line _____ young children to grandparents.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Why is saving land for plants and animals humane?
 - a. Because most land destruction has been caused by humans
 - b. Because animals display awareness and other emotions
2. What is a way that endangered species help humans?
 - a. People get emotional support from pets.
 - b. They can provide sources of medicine.
3. What should be done with money instead of spending it for plants and animals?
 - a. Money should be spent to end human suffering.
 - b. Money should be spent to build new homes for plants and animals.
4. Why should humans not try to stop animal extinctions?
 - a. Because human beings already protect many animals
 - b. Because animals die out naturally through mass extinctions

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