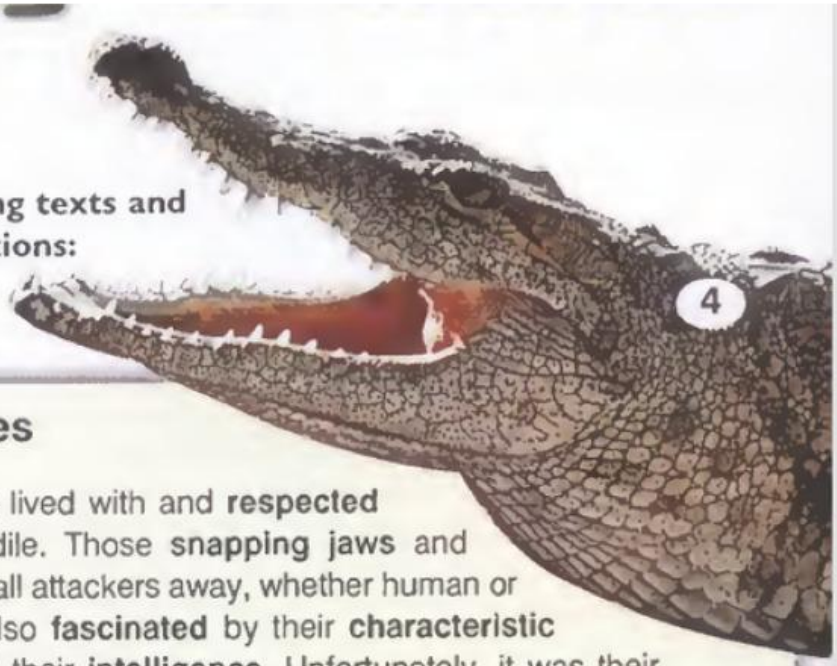
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Reading

3 **Read the following texts and answer the questions:**



Crocodiles

For centuries, people lived with and **respected** the all-powerful crocodile. Those **snapping jaws** and **lethal teeth** frightened all attackers away, whether human or animal. People were also **fascinated** by their **characteristic calls**, their beauty and their **intelligence**. Unfortunately, it was their beautiful skin which put them **under threat.** When explorers realised how valuable crocodile skin was, everything changed. Hunters risked their lives – and sometimes lost them – in order to satisfy the world's **demand** for crocodile skin.

Worse was to come. The crocodiles' homes began to disappear as new towns and **industries** were developed on the land near **swamps** and rivers. Luckily for the crocodiles, people realised that a world without them would just not be the same, and now they have been officially **declared** an endangered **species**. In some parts of the world, there are now parks where crocodiles may live safely, with laws to protect them.

"It is **illegal** to kill crocodiles," says **conservationist** Charles Swaby, who has spent the last thirty years protecting the Jamaican crocodiles. The problem is that when farm animals are killed by crocodiles, farmers ignore the law and kill them. This is what Charles is fighting against. "Crocodiles are much more scared of us than we are of them. They are scary but lovely to watch," he adds. If Charles, and others like him, can convince the world to **share this opinion**, crocodiles will be with us forever.

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Wolves

The big bad wolf eats the poor little pig or chases **Little Red Riding Hood**. The brave young hunter comes along and – BANG! – the wolf is dead. Unfortunately, in some parts of the world there are no more wolves **living in the wild**. And all because the wolf has **traditionally** been seen as an evil enemy. In fact, this misunderstood animal has many virtues.

Wolves are superb hunters. They prefer hunting **wild animals** to **domestic ones**. They do not **over-populate**, but keep their numbers at the level they can feed. As for killing people, conservationists **insist** that this is simply not true. "Wolves avoid people. We have to teach the world that wolves only attack human beings in fairy tales."

There are plans to bring wolves back to the **wild areas** of Scotland, but local people have doubts about the idea. "We want wolves back. They lived for thousands of years in Scotland – it is their land – but we fear for our animals," one farmer says. The government has **announced** that it will pay for any farm animals killed by wolves. People in favour of bringing the wolf back say this: "Let our children have the chance to hear a wolf **howl** at the moon on **a still**, Scottish **night**, and let us be proud that we made it possible."

a Why are there fewer crocodiles now than before?
b What has been done to protect crocodiles?
c In Jamaica, why do conservationists have a problem with farmers?
d How are wolves presented in fairy tales?
e What are local people in Scotland worried about?
f In Scotland, how will the government try to stop farmers from killing wolves?

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5 Match the numbers to the letters.

1	superb	a	good points
2	still night	b	excellent
3	virtues	c	state
4	convince	d	formally
5	officially	e	quiet night
6	evil	f	very bad
7	declare	g	persuade

6 Match the animals with the sounds.

moo, bleat, roar, cluck, miaow, buzz, bark, quack, neigh

1	lions	4	dogs	7	cows .....
2	horses	5	hens	8	sheep .....
3	cats	6	bees	9	ducks .....

too + adjective/adverb
adjective/adverb + enough

19 Complete the sentences with too or enough.

1 It is not warm ..... to play outside.
2 Baby lions are not strong ..... to hunt.
3 The instructions were ..... difficult for him to understand.
4 Tigers are ..... dangerous to keep as pets.
5 The rock was ..... heavy for the elephant to pick up.
6 The penguin wasn't quick ..... to catch the fish.
7 The small bear was ..... short to reach the bees' nest in the tree.

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