# WRITING

## PREPARE TO WRITE

**Complete the sentences with *between, about, around* or *including*.**

1 This competition is for anyone _____ the ages of 10 and 14.

2 There are _____ 40,000 African lions left in the wild.

3 All my friends, _____ Tariq, are interested in animals.

4 The zoo is closed _____ January and March.

5 I've got lots of pets, _____ a rabbit and two cats.

**PLAN** **Plan your article about an animal. Choose one of the animals in Vocabulary Exercise 1 or a different one. Write three paragraphs. Make notes for what to include in each paragraph.**

**Paragraph 1** the kind of animal it is / where it lives / what it eats

**Paragraph 2** what it weighs / information about its babies

**Paragraph 3** how many are left in the wild / in zoos

**WRITE** **Write your article. Try to include the prepositions from *Get Ready*.**

**IMPROVE** **In pairs, compare your articles. Can you improve them?**







LIVEWORKSHEETS

## 1 Read the text and answer the questions.

# BLACK BEARS

**Black bears live in the forests and mountains of Canada, the USA and Mexico. They usually eat grass and insects, but they eat other things too, including fish, small animals and the food people leave at campsites.**

Adults are very big and they weigh between 90 kg and 270 kg. They are tall too: when males stand up on two legs, they are about 180 centimetres tall.

In winter, females have two or three babies, called cubs. They stay with their mother for about two years. Scientists think there are around 600,000 of these animals in the wild in North America, but there may be many more.



0 Which countries do they live in?
*Canada, the USA and Mexico*

1 What do they eat most of the time?

They eat _____ and _____.

2 How heavy are they?

Between _____.

3 How many babies do females have?

The have _____.

4 What are their babies called?

Their babies are called _____.

5 How long do the babies stay with their mother?

They stay with their mothers for _____.

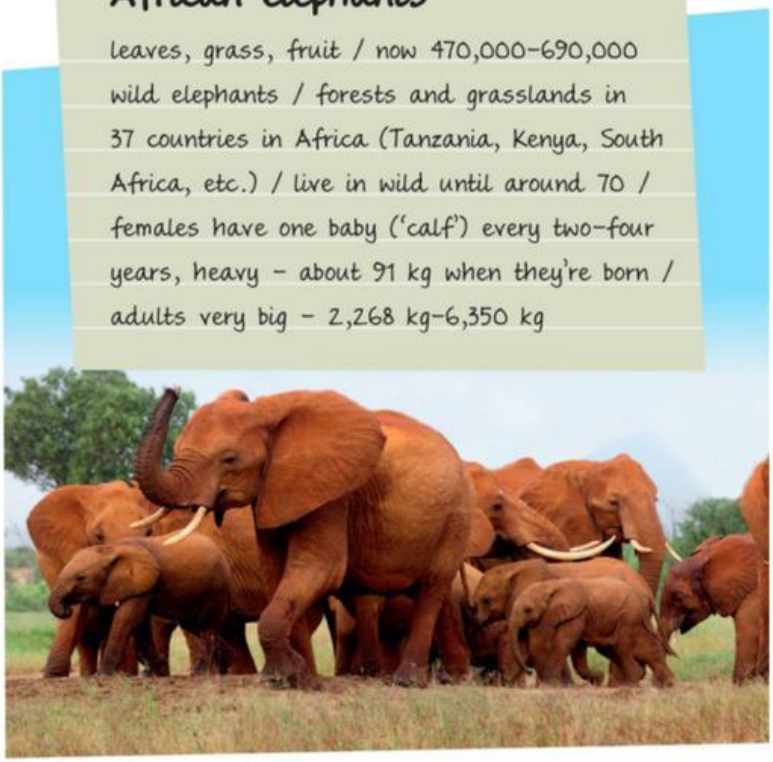
6 How many black bears are there in North America?

There are _____.

## 2 Read the notes about African elephants. Then write the information in the correct place in the paragraph plan below.

### African elephants

leaves, grass, fruit / now 470,000–690,000 wild elephants / forests and grasslands in 37 countries in Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, etc.) / live in wild until around 70 / females have one baby ('calf') every two–four years, heavy – about 91 kg when they're born / adults very big – 2,268 kg–6,350 kg



Paragraph 1: where they live / food
*forests and grasslands in 37 countries in Africa, ...*

Paragraph 2: size / what they weigh / age they live until

Paragraph 3: babies / how many wild African elephants today

## 3 Use the paragraph plan to write a text about African elephants. When you write about numbers, don't forget to use *between, about / around* and *including*.

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