

Lesson 57

Lots of animals are at risk.

Target: Having a conversation about endangered animals.

Vocabulary

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Endangered animals



Related vocabulary

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| - a poacher / to poach ... | - to encroach upon ... | - to outlaw ... |
| - an environmental group | - to release ... back into the wild | - to threaten ... |
| - an environmentalist | - to safeguard / a safeguard | - to jeopardise ... |
| - a food source | - to preserve ... / preservation | - to be vulnerable |
| - an ecosystem | - to regulate ... / a regulation | - to be at risk / in peril |
| - natural resources | - to conserve ... / conservation | - to be detrimental to ... |
| - deforestation | - to prevent ... / prevention | - to be environmentally-friendly |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What animals do you know that are endangered or near extinction?
2. How do different animals end up becoming endangered?
3. What are your country and other countries doing to protect endangered animals?
4. Do you think it's necessary that we protect every animal from extinction?
5. How is overpopulation related to endangered animals?
6. What's "the black market" and how does it relate to endangered animals?
7. What would be some of the effects if we didn't regulate our logging industry?
8. What do you think of the following products: rhino horn medicine, animal skins, ivory jewelry etc.?
9. How can we maximize awareness about endangered animals, and make sure they don't go extinct?
10. Which animals are in peril at the moment? Why?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What are some environmental groups you know? What are their goals?
2. What animals have disappeared from your country?
3. What do you think has had the most detrimental effect on animals / their habitats?
4. What is your image of an environmentalist?
5. Are poachers still a problem nowadays?
6. When should animals be released back into the wild?
7. What do you think should be outlawed in order to protect animals and their ecosystems?
8. Is deforestation a problem in Japan?
9. What safeguards can we put in place to protect the remaining endangered animals?
10. Why is it important to buy environmentally-friendly goods?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You are a reporter. You are interviewing a famous environmentalist.
Partner #2: You are an environmentalist. Explain your beliefs etc. to the reporter.
2. **Speech:** Talk about what you think we can do to protect endangered animals.
3. **Speech:** Explain the reasons why animals become endangered.
4. **Debate:** You think buying products that harm animals is OK, but your partner doesn't agree.