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SESSION 6

Unit 3

Disappearing Animals

انقراض حیوانات

Words	Synonyms
Indefinite	Without an end or limit /unlimited
Critically	Vital/ essential
Imminent	Happen soon/ close at hand
Markedly	Noticeably
Culprit	Offender/ reason
Exploit	Misuse
Intentionally	Deliberately
overwhelm	Overcome

توجه: برای خواندن با تلفظ صحیح لطفاً به صفحه ۲۲۹ کتاب مراجعه شود.



Reading :

Endangered Species

گونه های در معرض خطر

No animal species can survive **indefinitely** on Earth.

Centuries ago, species went extinct from natural causes, for example, they were unable to adapt to bad weather and other difficult conditions. However, animals are now dying out faster than ever because of human activity.

It is estimated that, until 18th century, one species disappeared from the Earth every four years. By the 19th century, this had increased to one species per year. By 1975, it was 1,000 species per year, and today animals are disappearing at the alarming rate of more than 40,000 species per year.

The international Union for conservation of Nature (IUCN) has created a number of categories that describe the danger level of animal species.



- Species that are completely gone are called extinct, for example, dinosaurs and the dodo.
- Species that only live in zoos or on farms, etc., fall into the category extinct in the wild. One example is the Wyoming toad.
- A species is labeled **critically** endangered when its numbers are dangerously low. This means it is in imminent danger of dying out completely and needs protection in order to survive.
- A vulnerable species is in less trouble than an endangered one, but its numbers are still **markedly** declining.

There are many factors that can cause an animal or plant species to become endangered, and one big one is the destruction of their habitats. Deforestation and soil, air, and water pollution are usually the main **culprits**.

Another cause of endangerment is from humans exploiting wild animals. Uncontrolled hunting of whales in the last century,



for example, resulted in many whale species becoming critically endangered.

Introducing a non-native species to an environment can also cause species endangerment. A native species is one that develops naturally in a particular area and has done so for a long time. A non-native species might be introduced into an environment by humans, either **intentionally** or by accident. In Florida, large pet snakes such as the anaconda and the python have been released into the large Everglades swamp. The snakes have thrived in their new environment, and now compete with and may soon **overwhelm** the swamp's alligators.

Reading Comprehension Exercises

A. Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

1. According to the passage, what happened between the 18th century and now?
 - a) The amount of human activity increased.
 - b) Animals were less able to adapt to the weather.
 - c) More animals started dying from natural causes.



2. Why have many whale species become endangered?

- a) Their habitat is being destroyed.
- b) They have been hunted in great numbers.
- c) A non- native species has been introduced to their environment.

3. Which is NOT mentioned as a cause of species endangerment?

- a) Spread of diseases
- b) Habitat destruction
- c) Unrestricted hunting

4. Which animal is native to the Everglades swamp?

- a) Anacondas
- b) Pythons
- c) alligators

B. Vocabulary Comprehension

Circle the word or phrase that does not belong in each group.

5. inadequate overwhelming lacking scarce

6. indefinite unlimited not defined distinct



7. victim	culprit	suspect	criminal
8. imminent	approaching	departing	oncoming
9. mistakenly	intentionally	accidentally	unknowingly
10. wipe out	destroy	exploit	finish off

Note:

Please read all the texts carefully & answer the questions which provided in the session 1 - 6

Keep in your mind; I may select the questions that are provided in these files for your final exam.

If you have any further questions or problems please contact me.

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