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Galapagos tortoises out of danger

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THE ARTICLE

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Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a symbol for endangered animals. In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals in existence. They were dying out because wild goats were eating their food and damaging their habitat. This caused conservationists to take action to help them. Forty years later, the tortoises are doing well. There are over 1,000 of them living and breeding in the wild. Scientists say it is a conservation success story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we basically found over time is that about half of the tortoises that were released have survived." Mr Gibbs added: "That's actually pretty amazing." Gibbs said the tortoises can now survive without human help.

Giant tortoises used to live all over the world. People hunted them and destroyed their habitat, so they almost became extinct. Giant tortoise numbers fell from over 250,000 in the 16th century to just a few thousand in the 1970s. Giant tortoises can weigh up to 250 kg and can live in the wild for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in captivity for more than 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very uncomplicated lives, and can nap up to 16 hours a day." Mr Gibbs said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would continue. Next year, a small island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will get 200 tortoises. Gibbs is looking forward to "another success".

Sources: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/animals/stories/near-extinct-galapagos-island-tortoises-make-comeback#ixzz3HbOxXYbU>
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WARM-UPS

1. ANIMALS IN DANGER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about animals in danger. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

tortoises / symbol / dying out / habitat / conservationists / success story / survive / hunted / extinct / a few thousand / captivity / nap / uncomplicated / Galapagos Islands

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ENDANGERED: How can we help these endangered things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | How we can help | Chances of success |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Tortoises | | |
| Rhinos | | |
| Bluefin tuna | | |
| Panda | | |
| Bactrian camel | | |
| Panamanian golden frog | | |

4. HUNTING: Students A **strongly** believe people should stop hunting (unless they need food); Students B **strongly** believe hunting is OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CAUSES OF EXTINCTION: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest reasons animals become extinct at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hunting
- disease
- invasive species
- poaching
- climate change
- natural causes
- deforestation
- acid rain

6. ANIMALS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "animals". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The article says tortoises were a symbol of the World Wildlife Fund. | T / F |
| b. There were just 15 giant Galapagos tortoises in the 1960s. | T / F |
| c. There are over 1,000 of the giant tortoises in the wild today. | T / F |
| d. A conservationist said the tortoises still need our help to survive. | T / F |
| e. There were a quarter of a million giant tortoises in the 1500s. | T / F |
| f. Giant tortoises often weigh over 300kg. | T / F |
| g. Giant tortoises can sleep for up to 16 hours a day. | T / F |
| h. A Galapagos island will soon get 400 tortoises. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. symbol | a. ruined |
| 2. dying out | b. set free |
| 3. habitat | c. dropped |
| 4. released | d. confinement |
| 5. pretty | e. disappearing |
| 6. destroyed | f. simple |
| 7. fell | g. environment |
| 8. captivity | h. quite |
| 9. uncomplicated | i. go on |
| 10. continue | j. emblem |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. tortoises used to be a symbol | a. that were released |
| 2. In the 1960s, | b. 1,000 of them |
| 3. eating their food and | c. lives |
| 4. There are over | d. damaging their habitat |
| 5. about half of the tortoises | e. became extinct |
| 6. used to live | f. to 250 kg |
| 7. they almost | g. for endangered animals |
| 8. Giant tortoises can weigh up | h. "another success" |
| 9. Tortoises also live very uncomplicated | i. there were just 15 |
| 10. Gibbs is looking forward to | j. all over the world |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a (1) _____ for endangered animals. In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals in existence. They were dying out because (2) _____ goats were eating their food and damaging their habitat. This caused conservationists to take (3) _____ to help them. Forty years later, the tortoises are doing (4) _____. There are over 1,000 of them living and (5) _____ in the wild. Scientists say it is a conservation success story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we (6) _____ found over time is that about half of the tortoises that were (7) _____ have survived." Mr Gibb added: "That's actually pretty amazing." Gibb said the tortoises can now (8) _____ without human help.

action
released
breeding
symbol
basically
survive
wild
well

Giant tortoises used to live all over the world. People (9) _____ them and destroyed their (10) _____, so they almost became extinct. Giant tortoise numbers fell from over 250,000 in the 16th century to just a few thousand in the 1970s. Giant tortoises can (11) _____ up to 250 kg and can live in the (12) _____ for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in (13) _____ for more than 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very (14) _____ lives, and can nap up to 16 hours a day." Mr Gibb said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would (15) _____. Next year, a small island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will get 200 tortoises. Gibb is looking forward to "another (16) _____".

wild
uncomplicated
success
habitat
continue
hunted
captivity
weigh

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

- 1) Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a symbol for _____
 - a. endangering animals
 - b. endangered animals
 - c. endangers animals
 - d. endanger animals
- 2) In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the _____
 - a. animals in existence
 - b. animals on existence
 - c. animals an existence
 - d. animals non-existence
- 3) This caused conservationists to take _____ them
 - a. actions to help
 - b. action for help
 - c. action into help
 - d. action to help
- 4) Scientists say it is a conservation _____
 - a. successes story
 - b. successful story
 - c. unsuccessful story
 - d. success story
- 5) Gibbs said the tortoises can now survive _____
 - a. without human's help
 - b. without human help
 - c. without humane help
 - d. without humans help
- 6) People hunted them and destroyed _____
 - a. their habitats
 - b. their habitat
 - c. their habitation
 - d. their habit at
- 7) Giant tortoise numbers fell from over 250,000 in _____
 - a. the 14th century
 - b. the 15th century
 - c. the 16th century
 - d. the 17th century
- 8) One tortoise lived in captivity for _____
 - a. more than 117 years
 - b. more than 177 years
 - c. more than 170 years
 - d. more than 107 years
- 9) the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands _____
 - a. wood continue
 - b. wouldn't continue
 - c. would continue
 - d. would continues
- 10) Gibbs is looking forward to " _____ "
 - a. the other success
 - b. an other success
 - c. others success
 - d. another success

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Giant Galapagos tortoises used (1) _____ endangered animals. In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals in existence. They (2) _____ wild goats were eating their food and damaging their habitat. This caused conservationists to (3) _____ them. Forty years later, the tortoises are doing well. There are over 1,000 of them living (4) _____ wild. Scientists say it is a conservation success story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we (5) _____ time is that about half of the tortoises that were released have survived." Mr Gibbs added: "That's actually pretty amazing." Gibbs said the tortoises can (6) _____ human help.

Giant tortoises used (7) _____ the world. People hunted them and destroyed their habitat, so they almost became extinct. Giant tortoise (8) _____ over 250,000 in the 16th century to just a few thousand in the 1970s. Giant tortoises (9) _____ 250 kg and can live in the wild for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in (10) _____ than 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very uncomplicated lives, (11) _____ 16 hours a day." Mr Gibbs said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would continue. Next year, a small island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will get 200 tortoises. Gibbs (12) _____ "another success".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

1. What did Galapagos tortoises used to be a symbol for?

2. How many Galapagos turtles were there on Earth in the 1960s?

3. How many Galapagos turtles are there on Earth today?

4. How many of the tortoises survived after they were released?

5. What did James Gibb say the tortoises could do without human help?

6. What did people destroy?

7. When were there 250,000 giant tortoises on Earth?

8. For how long each day can tortoises nap?

9. What did James Gibb say about the Galapagos Islands success story?

10. What is James Gibb looking forward to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

1. What did Galapagos tortoises used to be a symbol for?
 - a) endangered animals
 - b) a long life
 - c) the World Wildlife Fund
 - d) peace on Earth
2. How many Galapagos turtles were there on Earth in the 1960s?
 - a) 13
 - b) 14
 - c) 15
 - d) 16
3. How many Galapagos turtles are there on Earth today?
 - a) over 10,000
 - b) over 1,000
 - c) 832
 - d) about 160
4. How many of the tortoises survived after they were released?
 - a) all of them
 - b) around 90% of them
 - c) 372
 - d) over half
5. What did Gibb say the tortoises could do without human help?
 - a) survive
 - b) hunt
 - c) find food
 - d) breed
6. What did people destroy?
 - a) historic records
 - b) an island
 - c) evidence
 - d) the turtles' habitat
7. When were there 250,000 giant tortoises on Earth?
 - a) in the 1800s
 - b) in the 16th century
 - c) several thousand years ago
 - d) in the days of the dinosaurs
8. For how long each day can tortoises nap?
 - a) 4 hours
 - b) 8 hours
 - c) 12 hours
 - d) 16 hours
9. What did Gibbs say about the Galapagos Islands success story?
 - a) very little
 - b) it's like a fairy tale
 - c) it would continue
 - d) it should be a movie
10. What is James Gibb looking forward to?
 - a) a project with frogs
 - b) more success
 - c) the opening of a tortoise museum
 - d) lunch

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Role A – Tortoises

You think most conservation money should be spent on tortoises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why money should not go towards their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): frogs, tuna or pandas.

Role B – Frogs

You think most conservation money should be spent on frogs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why money should not go towards their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tortoises, tuna or pandas.

Role C – Tuna

You think most conservation money should be spent on tuna. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why money should not go towards their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): pandas, tortoises or pandas.

Role D – Pandas

You think most conservation money should be spent on pandas. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why money should not go towards their animals. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tuna, frogs or tortoises.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'symbol' and 'animal'.

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| symbol | animal |
|---------------|---------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• symbol• dying• action• later• half• help | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• extinct• few• 250• 170• continue• another |
|---|--|

ANIMALS IN DANGER SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Write five GOOD questions about animals in danger in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ANIMALS IN DANGER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tortoise'?
- 3) What do you think of tortoises?
- 4) What do you think of this story?
- 5) What do you know about the Galapagos Islands?
- 6) Do you think conservationists can save other animals?
- 7) How do you think the conservationists saved the tortoises?
- 8) What would it be like to be a conservationist?
- 9) What are the differences between tortoises and turtles?
- 10) When will all animals be able to survive without human help?

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ANIMALS IN DANGER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think wildlife was like 500 years ago?
- 13) How can we stop destroying the habitat of animals?
- 14) How do you feel when an animal becomes extinct?
- 15) What do you think of cloning to bring extinct animals back into existence?
- 16) What would it be like to live to 170 years old?
- 17) Would you like to nap for 16 hours a day?
- 18) What conservation success story would you like to see?
- 19) What is your message for the 200 tortoises going to the small island?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the conservationists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a (1) _____ for endangered animals. In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals in (2) _____. They were dying out because wild goats were eating their food and damaging their habitat. This caused conservationists to (3) _____ action to help them. Forty years later, the tortoises are doing well. There are over 1,000 of them living and breeding in the (4) _____. Scientists say it is a conservation success story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we (5) _____ found over time is that about half of the tortoises that were released have survived." Mr Gibb added: "That's actually (6) _____ amazing." Gibb said the tortoises can now survive without human help.

Giant tortoises used to live (7) _____ over the world. People hunted them and destroyed their habitat, so they almost became (8) _____. Giant tortoise numbers fell from over 250,000 in the 16th century to just a (9) _____ thousand in the 1970s. Giant tortoises can weigh up to 250 kg and can live in the wild for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in (10) _____ for more than 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very uncomplicated lives, and can nap (11) _____ to 16 hours a day." Mr Gibb said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would continue. Next year, a small island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will get 200 tortoises. Gibb is looking forward to "(12) _____ success".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) cymbal | (b) symbol | (c) symbolic | (d) symbols |
| 2. | (a) existed | (b) existence | (c) exist | (d) existing |
| 3. | (a) be | (b) have | (c) do | (d) take |
| 4. | (a) wilder | (b) wild | (c) wildlife | (d) wildly |
| 5. | (a) basics | (b) basically | (c) basic | (d) base |
| 6. | (a) prettiness | (b) prettily | (c) pretty | (d) prettied |
| 7. | (a) whole | (b) every | (c) all | (d) entire |
| 8. | (a) exact | (b) extreme | (c) extinct | (d) extend |
| 9. | (a) one | (b) several | (c) seven | (d) few |
| 10. | (a) captivity | (b) capacity | (c) captive | (d) caption |
| 11. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) off | (d) down |
| 12. | (a) the other | (b) others | (c) another | (d) other |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a olybms for endangered animals
2. eating their food and damaging their bhatati
3. living and direngbe in the wild
4. a nnsrvaetico success story
5. half of the tortoises that were leesread
6. vesviur without human help

Paragraph 2

7. they almost became tnetcxi
8. in the 16th rytceun
9. Giant tortoises can egihw up to 250 kg
10. One tortoise lived in ayvtpicti
11. Tortoises also live very epmonudccalti lives
12. a small naiDSL

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals in existence. They were dying out because wild goats were
- () wild. Scientists say it is a conservation success story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we basically found
- () over time is that about half of the tortoises that were released have survived." Mr Gibbs added:
- () Giant tortoises used to live all over the world. People hunted them and destroyed their
- () habitat, so they almost became extinct. Giant tortoise numbers fell from over 250,000 in the 16th
- () to 16 hours a day." Mr Gibbs said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would continue. Next year, a small
- () 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very uncomplicated lives, and can nap up
- (**1**) Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a symbol for endangered animals. In the
- () century to just a few thousand in the 1970s. Giant tortoises can weigh up to
- () island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will get 200 tortoises. Gibbs is looking forward to "another success".
- () eating their food and damaging their habitat. This caused conservationists to take action to help
- () "That's actually pretty amazing." Gibbs said the tortoises can now survive without human help.
- () them. Forty years later, the tortoises are doing well. There are over 1,000 of them living and breeding in the
- () 250 kg and can live in the wild for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in captivity for more than

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. symbol animals used a endangered Tortoises be for to .

2. the In animals the of 15 just were there , 1960s .

3. take caused to action This conservationists .

4. of that have Half tortoises released the were survived .

5. now survive The without tortoises human can help .

6. over used all world tortoises live the Giant to .

7. hunted People habitat their destroyed and them .

8. lived in captivity for more than 170 years One tortoise .

9. lives Tortoises live uncomplicated also very .

10. its all A tortoises that small of lost island .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises.html>

Giant Galapagos tortoises used to be a *symbol* / *symbolic* for endangered animals. In the 1960s, there were just 15 of the animals *on* / *in* existence. They were dying *out* / *up* because wild goats were eating their food and *damaging* / *damages* their habitat. This caused conservationists to take action to help them. Forty years later, the tortoises *are* / *be* doing well. There are over 1,000 of *these* / *them* living and breeding in the wild. Scientists say it is a conservation *successfully* / *success* story. Conservationist James Gibb said: "What we *basically* / *basics* found over time is that about half of the tortoises that *were* / *was* released have survived." Mr Gibb added: "That's actually pretty amazing." Gibb said the tortoises can now survive without human *helping* / *help*.

Giant tortoises used to live *every* / *all* over the world. People hunted them and *destroyed* / *destroying* their habitat, so they almost became extinct. Giant tortoise numbers *fall* / *fell* from over 250,000 in the 16th century to just a few *thousand* / *thousands* in the 1970s. Giant tortoises can weigh *up* / *heavy* to 250 kg and can live in the wild for over 100 years. One tortoise lived in *captive* / *captivity* for more than 170 years. Wikipedia says: "Tortoises also live very uncomplicated lives, and can *nap* / *nip* up to 16 hours a day." Mr Gibb said the conservation story in the Galapagos Islands would *continual* / *continue*. Next year, a small island that lost all of its tortoises a few years ago will *get* / *let* 200 tortoises. Gibb is *looking* / *look* forward to "another success".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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G__nt G_l_p_g_s t_rt__s_s _s_d t_ b_ _ symb_l f_r
_nd_ng_r_d _n_m_ls. _n th_ 1960s, th_r_ w_r_ j_st 15
f th _n_m_ls _n _x_st_nc_. Th_y w_r_ dy_ng __t
b_c__s_ w_ld g__ts w_r_ __t_ng th__r f__d _nd
d_m_g_ng th__r h_b_t_t. Th_s c__s_d
c_ns_rv_t__n_sts t_ t_k_ _ct__n t_ h_lp th_m. F_rty
y__rs l_t_r, th_ t_rt__s_s _r_d__ng w_ll. Th_r_ _r_
_v_r 1,000 _f th_m l_v_ng _nd br__d_ng _n th_ w_ld.
Sc__nt_sts s_y _t _s _ c_ns_rv_t__n s_cc_ss st_ry.
C_ns_rv_t__n_st J_m_s G_bb s__d: "Wh_t w_ b_s_c_lly
f__nd_v_r t_m__s th_t b__t h_lf _f th_ t_rt__s_s
th_t w_r_ r_l__s_d h_v_ s_rv_v_d." Mr G_bbs _dd_d:
"Th_t's _ct__lly pr_tty _m_z_ng." G_bbs s__d th_
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_p_t_ 250 kg _nd c_n l_v_ _n th_ w_ld f_r _v_r 100
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d_y." Mr G_bbs s__d th_ c_ns_rv_t__n st_ry _n th_
G_l_p_g_s _sl_nds w__ld c_nt_n___. N_xt y__r, _sm_ll
_sl_nd th_t l_st _ll _f_ts t_rt__s_s _f_w y__rs _g_
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"_n_th_r s_cc_ss".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Conservationists should focus on animals and not birds or fish. Discuss.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about animals in danger. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ANIMALS IN DANGER: Make a poster about animals in danger. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CONSERVATION: Write a magazine article about conservation. Include imaginary interviews with a conservationist and a giant tortoise.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on animals in danger. Ask him/her three questions about animals in danger. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. symbol | a. emblem |
| 2. dying out | b. disappearing |
| 3. habitat | c. environment |
| 4. released | d. set free |
| 5. pretty | e. quite |
| 6. destroyed | f. ruined |
| 7. fell | g. dropped |
| 8. captivity | h. confinement |
| 9. uncomplicated | i. simple |
| 10. continue | j. go on |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Endangered species
2. 15
3. Over 1,000
4. About half
5. Survive
6. The tortoises' habitat
7. In the 16th Century
8. 16 hours
9. It will continue
10. Another success

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)