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Level 1 – 1st November, 2018

Sixty per cent of wildlife gone since 1970

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Wildlife is disappearing faster than ever before. The WWF says the world's wildlife population dropped by 60 per cent between 1970 and 2014. It said: "Earth is losing biodiversity at a rate seen only during mass extinctions." Most of this is because of "exploding human consumption". There are more people and they are eating more, buying more, cutting down trees for beef, and using more energy. This has led to a big loss of habitat for animals.

The report says that only a quarter of the world is untouched by humans. Researchers looked at 4,000 species of animals. In South and Central America, there has been an 89 per cent loss of wildlife in four decades. The WWF wrote that the shocking loss of wildlife, "is a [depressing] reminder...of the pressure we [put] on the planet." It warned: "We can be the generation that had its chance and failed to act; that let Earth slip away."

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/10/30/living-planet-report-60-percent-animal-populations-gone-wwf/1817210002/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181101-wildlife-loss-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. disappearing faster | a. are eating more |
| 2. Earth is losing | b. energy |
| 3. mass | c. biodiversity |
| 4. exploding human | d. loss of habitat |
| 5. There are more people and they | e. extinctions |
| 6. cutting down trees | f. consumption |
| 7. using more | g. than ever |
| 8. This has led to a big | h. for beef |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. only a quarter of | a. of wildlife |
| 2. 4,000 species | b. act |
| 3. four | c. of animals |
| 4. the shocking loss | d. away |
| 5. the pressure we put | e. decades |
| 6. the generation that | f. on the planet |
| 7. failed to | g. the world |
| 8. let Earth slip | h. had its chance |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181101-wildlife-loss-1.html>

Wildlife is disappearing (1) _____ before. The WWF says the world's wildlife population (2) _____ per cent between 1970 and 2014. It said: "Earth is losing biodiversity at a (3) _____ during mass extinctions." Most of this (4) _____ "exploding human consumption". There are more people and they are eating more, buying more, cutting (5) _____ beef, and using more energy. This has led to (6) _____ of habitat for animals.

The report says that (7) _____ of the world is untouched by humans. Researchers (8) _____ species of animals. In South and Central America, there has been an 89 per cent loss of (9) _____ decades. The WWF wrote that the (10) _____ wildlife, "is a [depressing] reminder...of the pressure we [put] (11) _____." It warned: "We can be the generation that had its chance and (12) _____; that let Earth slip away."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WILDLIFE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181101-wildlife-loss-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wildlife 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

