

13 Match.

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| 1 territory | a an animal that has disappeared because all of them have died |
| 2 camouflage | b an area of land where a single animal lives |
| 3 prey | c an animal's protective colouring that lets it hide |
| 4 habitat | d used to describe an animal where not many are left living |
| 5 endangered | e animal that is hunted by another for food |
| 6 extinct | f natural environment where an animal lives |

14 Read and answer the questions.

Snow leopards

¹ The snow leopard is a big cat that lives high in the mountains of central Asia. It's a mammal and it's the fifth largest cat in the world. It has thick, spotted fur, which gives it camouflage among the rocks and keeps it warm through the cold winters. It's also got long whiskers, sharp claws and rubbery paws. It is large and strong. A male snow leopard can grow up to 1.5 metres long and weigh up to 70 kilograms. It hunts for sheep and goats in its territory.



² Snow leopards are endangered because hunters kill them for their fur. Farmers also hunt them sometimes to stop them from killing the sheep and goats on their farms. It is thought that there are only about 5,000 snow leopards left in the wild and about 400 more living in zoos.

³ People are trying to help snow leopards so that they do not become extinct. It is now against the law to hunt them. Also, many of the places where they live have been turned into national parks – this protects not only the snow leopards but also their habitats.

1 Where do snow leopards live?

In the mountains of central Asia.

2 Why does a leopard have thick, spotted fur?

3 How long can a male snow leopard grow?

4 What two reasons do people have to hunt snow leopards?

5 How many snow leopards are left in the wild?

6 What two things have been done to try to protect snow leopards?

15 Why do you think that it's important to protect endangered animals?

14 Listen and read. Why are tigers endangered animals?

READING



Robbie: What's an endangered animal?

Naturalist: An animal is called endangered when there aren't many of them still living on our planet. In the future, these animals could become extinct.

Robbie: 'Extinct' means to disappear, doesn't it?

Naturalist: Yes, it does. If we haven't seen an animal in the wild for 50 years or more, it has become extinct. About 11,000 years ago there were woolly rhinoceroses in Europe. They're extinct now and so they will never come back. They were like the rhinoceroses you can see here today but much hairier.

Robbie: Which animals are endangered?

Naturalist: There are lots of animals that may become extinct. Mammals like the

giant panda and the tiger are in danger. In fact, the tiger is the most endangered animal in the world.

Robbie: Why are tigers disappearing?

Naturalist: There are people who hunt the tiger for its fur. There are only about 3,200 tigers left in the wild.

Robbie: Are there any endangered reptiles?

Naturalist: Yes, there are. Some types of tortoises, snakes and lizards in North America are in danger of extinction.

Robbie: What can we do to help the animals?

Naturalist: It's good to support organisations that help protect endangered animals in the wild.

Robbie: Thank you very much. I've learnt a lot about endangered animals today.

15 Read and answer *True, False* or *I don't know*.

- 1 If an animal is extinct, there are many of them still living on our planet.
- 2 The tiger is an endangered animal.
- 3 People hunt the giant panda for its fur.
- 4 There aren't any endangered reptiles.
- 5 There are only 3,200 North American lizards left on our planet.
- 6 We can support organisations to protect animals in danger of extinction.
- 7 Robbie wants to help endangered animals.

HOME-SCHOOL LINK

Tell your family about an endangered animal.

PARENT