Science
Extinction
Book: Caring for our environment
Pages 6-11

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Caring for our environment.

In this segment, we are going to learn why animals become endangered and extinct.

You will need to go to pages 6-7 of the book.

Part 1

In your own words, explain what it means to go extinct.

Answer …
Students' own answers. Answer could include: When a species disappears because of natural causes.

Part 2

What effect do people have on extinctions?

Answer …
People's actions, such as cutting down forests and building cities changes the balance of nature and causes plants and animals to go extinct faster.

Part 3

Why did the dodo become extinct?

Answer …
Sailors killed some, but they also brought dogs and pigs to the island where the dodos lived – these ate the dodos' eggs.

Now turn to pages 8-9 of the book.

Part 4

How have people led to elephants and whales becoming endangered?

Answer …

People hunt elephants and whales in large numbers, so the elephants and whales can't recover, and their numbers decrease all the time.

Now turn to pages 10-11 of the book.

Part 4

What are some ways that farming has made things more difficult for other living things? How can we fix this?

Answer …
Farming takes away space and food from other living things; farmers kill predators that are needed to maintain the balance of nature.
Give animals more space by setting areas aside for them, such as wilderness areas, national parks or game parks.

That is the end of this worksheet, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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