

1 Complete the text with the words in brackets and any other words you may need. Do not change the form of the word in brackets.

Did you know there are currently around 26,500 ¹ *endangered* species? (endangered) Animals like the black rhino, orangutan and some gorillas are ² (extinction) as there are hardly any of them left. The polar bear and snow leopard, which are ³, (vulnerable) may also soon no longer exist. The jaguar and white rhino are ⁴ (near) and often face potential danger too. In all cases, these species face ⁵ (populations) for two main reasons. Firstly, ⁶ (habitat) because humans cut down the ⁷ (woodland) to sell the trees or clear the land for agriculture. Secondly, ⁸ (poaching) because hunters can make a lot of money selling the animals. It's vital that we act soon to prevent any of these species becoming ⁹ (extinct)

2 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–H).

- 1 While it may look like snow from a distance, it is in fact naturally *D*.
- 2 I believe that educating children about environmental issues is equally
- 3 It's very worrying that the glacier looks noticeably
- 4 Jodrell Bank Observatory in the UK was officially
- 5 The truth is, it's virtually
- 6 Joe Smith, whose name was randomly
- 7 The influence of young people in politics is rapidly
- 8 I believe David Attenborough is almost universally
- A recognized as an important environmental campaigner.
- B important as organizing environmental campaigns and protests.
- C impossible to find this writer because she lives in a very remote village.
- D occurring salt that you can see on these salt plains in Bolivia.
- E selected by a computer, will represent the school at next week's conference.
- F accepted as a UNESCO world heritage site in 2019.
- G different now compared to five years ago.
- H increasing, as shown by activists like Greta Thunberg.

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 The number of black rhinos left in the world is *alarmingly* / *strongly* low.
- 2 Levels of CO2 gas have risen *severely* / *considerably* in the last five years.
- 3 I'm afraid that this bird is *dangerously* / *highly* underweight and may not survive the night.
- 4 Unless the figures are incorrect, something here is *drastically* / *considerably* wrong.

- 5 It is *exceptionally* / *severely* difficult to convince every nation to work together on environmental issues.
- 6 Lisa Bloggs, who I dislike intensely / drastically, has published a new book which is actually very good.
- 7 Dogs can become *strongly* / *seriously* unwell if they eat chocolate.
- 8 We *severely* / *strongly* disagree with the latest plans for the expansion of the college.
- 9 I'm afraid the government's plan is *intensely* / *utterly* unrealistic because it cannot be implemented quickly.
- 10 Mr Smith, who is the school director, is *alarmingly* / *highly* unlikely to agree to that.

4 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

alarmingly low cleaning up declining
populations noticeably different poaching
randomly selected severely affect vulnerable
wilderness worryingly common

- Roy:** How was your trip to Costa Rica?
- Cassie:** Fantastic! I spent a month helping protect turtles which are very ¹ *vulnerable*. They are suffering from ² mainly because of ³ Many people used to eat turtles and their eggs, so their numbers became ⁴ However, now they are being protected, their numbers are on the rise again.
- Roy:** That's good to hear. Amazingly, I was ⁵ to join a team of volunteers from my neighbourhood. We spent two weeks working in the ⁶ investigating the local wildlife.
- Cassie:** Cool! Did you find anything interesting?
- Roy:** I saw a few different animals. What was ⁷ was that in the few scenic spots there, we found a lot of rubbish. So, we did some ⁸ and then it looked ⁹ I don't understand people who leave their litter behind. Don't they realise it can ¹⁰ the natural environment?

1

- 2 on the verge of extinction
- 3 vulnerable
- 4 near threatened
- 5 declining populations
- 6 habitat loss
- 7 woodland
- 8 poaching
- 9 extinct

2

- 2 B
- 3 G
- 4 F
- 5 C
- 6 E
- 7 H
- 8 A

3

- 2 considerably
- 3 dangerously
- 4 drastically
- 5 exceptionally
- 6 intensely
- 7 seriously
- 8 strongly
- 9 utterly
- 10 highly

4

- 2 declining populations
- 3 poaching
- 4 alarmingly low
- 5 randomly selected
- 6 wilderness
- 7 worryingly common
- 8 cleaning up
- 9 noticeably different
- 10 severely affect