

Environmental Problems





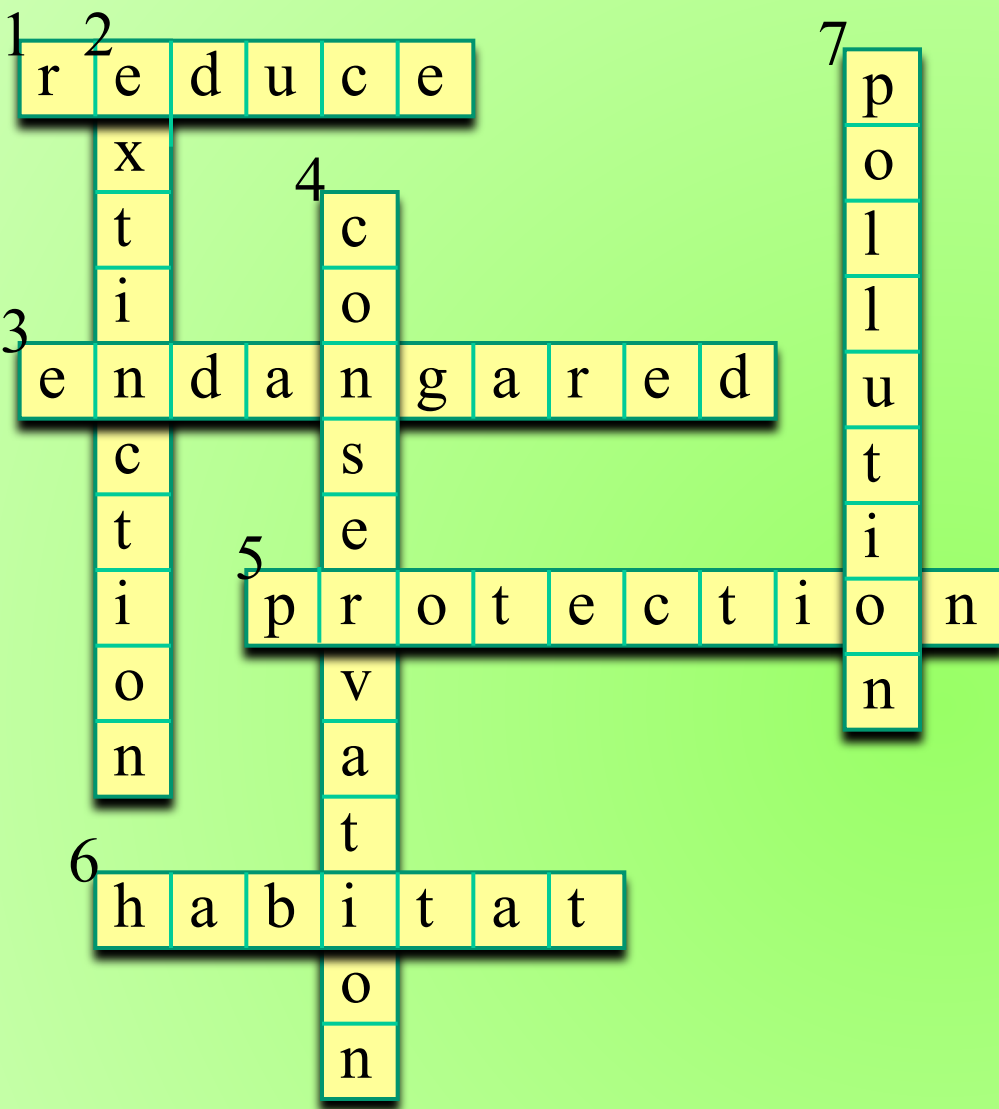
Main environmental problems

Water pollution

Air pollution

Waste materials

Protection of animals



1. To change something into a shorter simpler form.
2. When a particular type of animal or plant stops existing.
3. A particular type of animal or plant that soon may no longer exist.
4. A process of protection something and prevention it from changing or being damaged
5. When someone or something is kept from harm, damage etc.
6. The natural home of a plant or an animal

7. The process of making air, water soil etc dangerously dirty.

Animal conservation

Many animal and plant species have become extinct and many more are in critical danger.

Finding ways to protect the earth's wildlife and conserve the natural world they inhabit is now more important than ever.



Extinction

Extinction is a natural process. Many species had ceased to exist before humans evolved. However, in the last 400 years, the number of animals and plants becoming extinct has reached crisis point.



Dodos



The Dodo is a classic example of how human *behavior* can cause irreparable damage to the earth's biological diversity. The flightless Dodo was *native* to the Island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. It lived off fruit fallen from the island's trees and lived unthreatened until *human* arrived in 1505. The docile bird became a source of food for sailors and lacked the ability to *protect* itself from animals introduced to the island by humans such as pigs, monkeys and rats. The population of Dodos rapidly *decreased* and the last one was killed in 1681.

Endangered Animals



In 2002 many animals remain threatened with extinction as a result of human activity. The World Wildlife Fund works tirelessly to raise awareness of the predicament facing these animals and find ways to protect them. By focusing on a number of high profile, 'charismatic icons' such as the rhino, panda, whale and tiger, the WWF aims to communicate, 'critically important environmental issues'. The organization's ultimate goal is to, 'stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature'.



Rhinos (watch the video)



Rhinos

1. Why are rhinos endangered species?
2. Where is their natural habitat?
3. Where do most of the rhinos live now?
4. What's happening to their numbers?
5. When did most of the rhinos disappear?

Tigers (watch the video)



Tigers

1. The last 100 years has seen a 95% reduction in the numbers of remaining tigers to between 5000 and 7000
2. The Bali, Javan, and Caspian tigers are in danger.
3. The South China tiger is already extinct.
4. Tigers' bones and organs are used for traditional French medicine.
5. Tigers' bones and organs are traded illegally along with tiger skins.