

Wildlife in Danger

LESSON 2



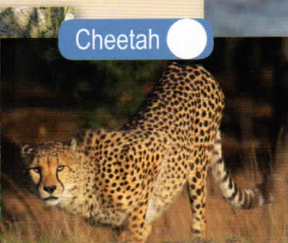
1. Look at these animals and describe them using the superlative form of the adjectives in the Word Bank. Then, listen and write **VU**, **EN** or **CR** according to their conservation status.

Conservation Status:
Threatened

- **Vulnerable (VU):** facing a high risk of extinction in the wild.
- **Endangered (EN):** facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.
- **Critically Endangered (CR):** facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.



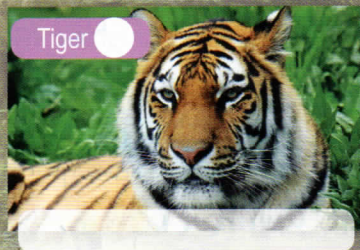
Sumatran orangutan



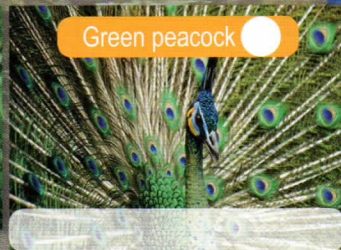
Cheetah



Laud turtle



Tiger



Green peacock



Blue whale **EN**

Word Bank

- heavy
- fast
- slow
- aggressive
- smart
- colorful

The heaviest

2. You will hear a report on endangered species. Before that, get familiar with the vocabulary below. Circle the words that are closer in meaning to the ones in color.

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| a. terrestrial : earthly / water | e. farming : fishing / agriculture | i. penalty : reward / punishment |
| b. mammal : animal / mineral | f. campaign : crusade / fair | j. thick : dense / long |
| c. twig : leave / branch | g. fur : cloth / hair | k. terrain : lake / land |
| d. tusk : nail / teeth | h. ban : prohibit / support | l. income : donation / payment |

Vocabulary Strategy

To reinforce your understanding of new words, identify their synonyms or related words.



3. Listen to Professor Jenny Samuels, an environmentalist who cares about endangered animals, and fill in the chart.

Species	Characteristics	Why is it in danger?	Estimated population
 African bush elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>)			Difficult to say because of its variety of habitats.
 Giant panda (<i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>)			
 Snow leopard (<i>Uncia uncia</i>)			

Listening Strategy

Listen to something several times to confirm information and understand details.



4. Listen again and complete the sentences.

- If we _____ our attacks against wild animals, many of them _____ in a very short time.
- These countries know that if they _____ to protect elephants now, tomorrow _____ too late.
- If we _____ giant pandas, they _____ a chance to be safe from extinction.
- If villagers _____ to protect snow leopards and _____ eco-tourism, they _____ an extra income to live.
- If we _____ your help, our mission _____ easier.