



What is an endangered species?

Explainer Video Student Handout

Use with the video on the Wild Classroom YouTube channel.

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___ Conservation	C) when there is no reasonable doubt that the last individual of that species has died

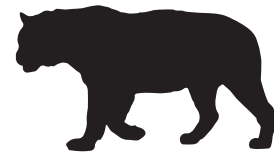
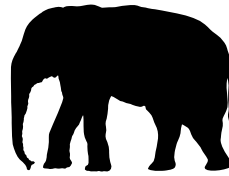
2) Fill in the Blank: Read the paragraph below carefully. Use context clues to determine the correct words from the word bank. Then, fill in the blanks with the correct words.

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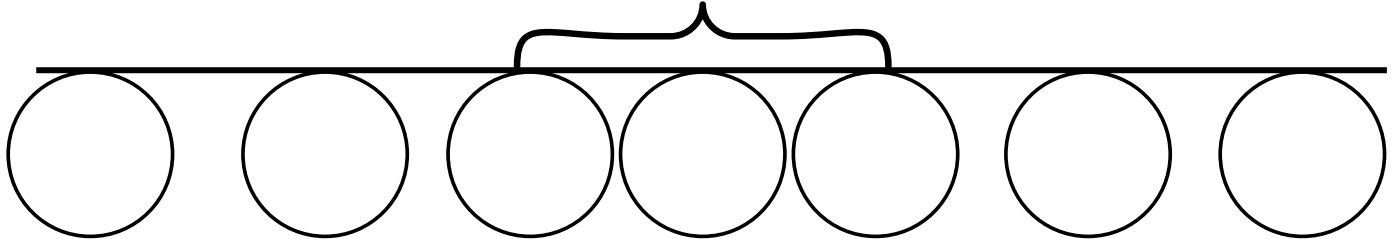
Word Bank: poaching, habitat loss, species, illegal wildlife trade, conservation, subspecies, endangered



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3) Order: Rank the IUCN status classifications from LEAST endangered on the far left to MOST endangered on the far right. Write each two-letter acronym in the correct spot on the line.



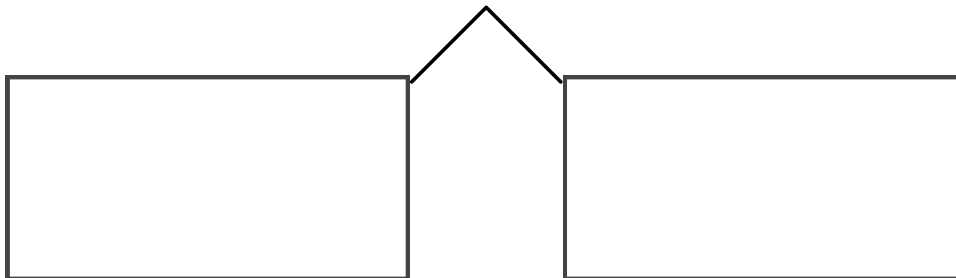
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4) Action: With your teacher or family member visit worldwildlife.org/species and choose an endangered species to learn more about. Fill in the flow chart below to create your own plan to help save endangered wildlife!

Species Name:

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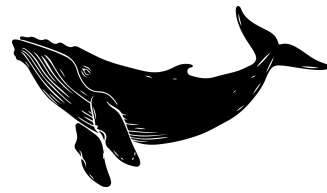
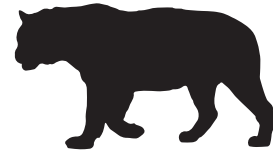
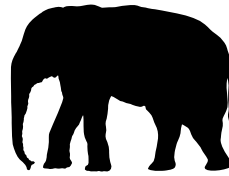
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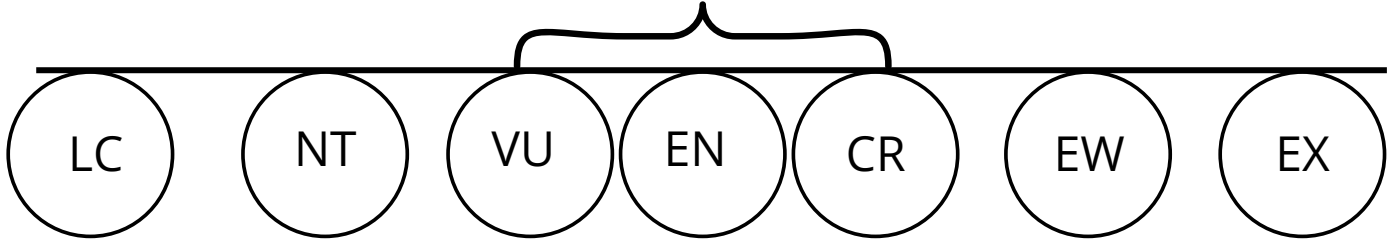
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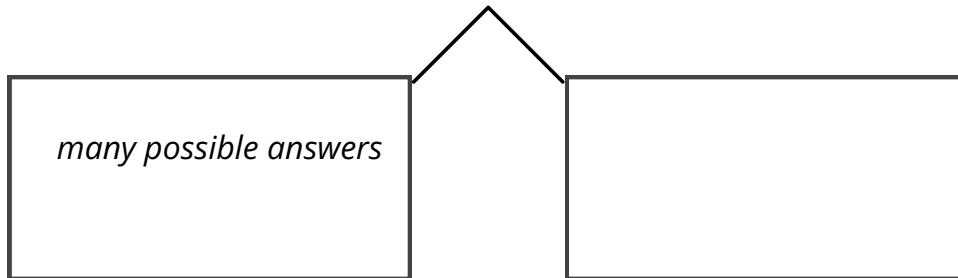
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