

## UNIT 2: HABITAT INTERACTION

**Lesson 12+13:**  
**Man in conflict with nature**



# QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK



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**Watch the video about extinction. Answer the following questions.**



- 1. What does extinction mean?**
- 2. What animals do you know that are threatened with extinction?**
- 3. Why are they threatened?**
- 4. Are there any animals protected by law in your country?**
- 5. What are they?**

## **Objectives**

1. Listens to Dr. Al Mansouri. Talk about the conflict between human and wild animals. Answer activity 1+ 2.
2. Listen again. Answer True and False sentences in activity 3.
3. Read the article. Guess the meaning of the bold words. Answer activity 5+6.

# 1. Listens to Dr. Al Mansouri. Talk about the conflict between human and wild animals. Answer activity 1+ 2.



## Listening 16

- 1 Listen. Does Dr Al Mansouri think there are problems between humans and wild animals in new settlements? **Yes**
- 2 Copy the table in your notebook. Listen again and complete the table.

### Listening strategy

When listening to a longer audio remember to:

- listen for the general idea on the first listening
- note down any key or content words you hear – these are usually stressed
- focus on the information you are specifically listening for.

<b>Threat 1:</b>  <b>destruction of animal habitats</b>	<b>Reasons for threat:</b>  1 animals coming close to human settlements because they are looking for food and they become a pest 2 wild animals are killed because they kill livestock 3 new towns destroy animal habitats 4 if people are hurt or killed by wild animals, the wild animals are killed
<b>Threat 2:</b>  <b>trade</b>	<b>Reasons for threat:</b>  1 ivory from elephant tusks is used in manufacturing and for decorative items 2 rhino horn is used in traditional medicine in some countries

## 2. Listen again. Answer True and False sentences in activity 3.

**3** Listen again. Are these statements true or false?

- 1** The human population is growing slowly. **F**
- 2** New towns and villages are being built on wild animal territory. **T**
- 3** Farmers always put fences around their animals. **F**
- 4** Habitat loss is one reason why wild animals come closer to human settlements. **T**
- 5** Elephants are hunted for ivory. **T**
- 6** Rhino horns are used for food. **F**

## Speaking

**4** What can we do to protect both animal habitats and people living in animal territory?  
Discuss your ideas in small groups.

## 1 Match the words with the definitions.

<b>e1</b> extinction	<b>a</b> place where people build houses to live
<b>g2</b> habitat	<b>b</b> an area an animal claims as its own
<b>a3</b> settlement	<b>c</b> the possibility that something may happen if something isn't done to stop it
<b>c4</b> threat	<b>d</b> killing animals illegally
<b>d5</b> poaching	<b>e</b> when something doesn't exist anymore
<b>f 6</b> conservation	<b>f</b> protection of wildlife
<b>b7</b> territory	<b>g</b> where a plant or animal lives in nature

## 2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Many wild animals are under threat of **extinction** / **conservation**.
- 2 Human **populations** / **problems** have grown enormously.
- 3 Human settlements have been built on wild animal **land** / **territory**.
- 4 Animal **threats** / **habitats** have been destroyed.
- 5 Elephants cause damage when they walk across **settlements** / **crops**.
- 6 Lions go **closer to** / **further away from** settlements looking for food.

## 3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

- population
- territory
- ivory
- medicine
- food
- extinct

- 1 Rhino horns are used in traditional **medicine**.
- 2 New towns are being built on the **territory** of wild animals.
- 3 Elephants in the wild will be **extinct** in less than 20 years.
- 4 The human **population** is growing very quickly.
- 5 Elephants are killed for **tusks** to make decorations.
- 6 Wild animals look for **food** near new human settlements.

### 3. Read the article. Guess the meaning of the bold words. Answer activity 5+6.

## Reading and speaking

5 Read this short article about two animals in the UAE.  
What activity was threatening them with extinction?  
**hunting**

The UAE is well known for its enormous variety of wildlife – **mammals**, **birds**, **reptiles** and **amphibians**. And this is mainly because the region is very concerned about nature and the natural environment.

Some of the animals that are found in the region include the **Arabian oryx** and the **Arabian leopard**. Forty years ago, both of these animals were almost **extinct** in the wild as a result of hunting activities.

Thanks to important and urgent **conservation** work, successful **breeding** programmes were introduced. Now, both these animals are growing in numbers in the wild.

To ensure that the Arabian oryx and Arabian leopard remain part of the Emirati landscape and culture, both animals have now been protected by law.



Arabian oryx



Arabian leopard



### 3. Read the article. Guess the meaning of the bold words. Answer activity 5+6.

**6** Read the text again and discuss the questions.

- 1** Why is there still an enormous variety of wildlife in the Emirates?
- 2** What are the two animals mentioned in the article?
- 3** Was the situation the same 40 years ago? If not, what was the situation?
- 4** Today the number of these animals is growing. How did this happen?
- 5** What additional action was done to help protect these two animals in the future?
- 6** What other animals do you know that are typical of your region?

**1** Because the people of the region are very concerned about nature

**2** Arabian oryx and Arabian leopard

**3** No. They were both almost extinct

**4** Breeding programmes were introduced and conservation work done

**5** They have been protected by law

**6** Learners' own answers

# Answer the following Workbook activity.

# 9ADV\_Wk7\_WB\_U2\_L12+13\_Activity 5

5 Why are many wild animals under the threat of extinction? What can we do?

Plan a report. Use the table below to help you plan your report.

Introduction: Introduce the problem	
Paragraph 1: Growing populations and wild animals	
Paragraph 2: Wildlife trade	
Paragraph 3: Conservation projects	
Conclusion	

6 Use the notes you made in the table to write your text.



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**Talk about the wildlife that lives in your region. Answer the questions and use the sentence prompts.**

- 1** What is their habitat?
- 2** Are there any threats to their survival? If so, what are they?
- 3** What can we do to help protect wildlife from extinction?

*I think ...*

*I agree ...*

*I disagree ...*

*On the one hand ...*

*On the other hand ...*

*We need to ...*

*We should ...*



**Answer the following questions.**

03:00

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