


Fun Bits 2

Living in Harmony

Although humans can do many things that animals cannot, we rely on nature to live. Let's learn to live together with wild animals in harmony.

Orangutans



Most of my friends and I live in rainforests. Sadly, my home is disappearing. Humans are cutting down trees for more land and wood. If a natural habitat is threatened, some species may soon become extinct. This would break the food chain which is important for balancing the ecosystem.

Migratory birds

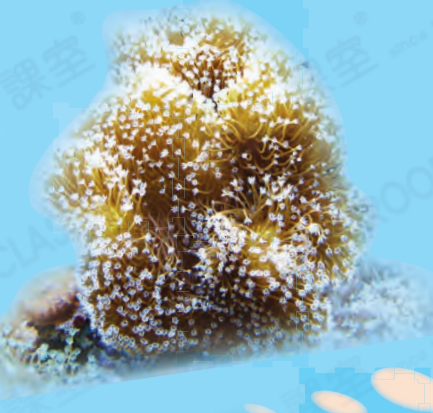
I am a migratory bird. My friends and I need to travel a long way to other places for food and warmer homes in winter. But our journey starts to become difficult because of the cruelty and selfishness of humans. They hunt and kill my friends! Also, oil spills from tankers pollute the sea and kill many fish. They are my food!



A Circle the correct answers.

- Human activities are threatening orangutans / migratory birds / coral reefs / all of the species mentioned .
- Most orangutans live in grasslands / rainforests / oceans .
- Migratory birds travel a long way to places which are less dangerous / closer to the sea / warmer .
- Coral reefs are a great home for the ocean / sea animals / pollutants .
- Orangutans / Migratory birds / Coral reefs are not affected by water pollution.

Coral reefs



We are coral reefs. We create a habitat for marine life. We used to look colourful and healthy. However, many of us are getting sick as humans keep dumping rubbish and toxic chemicals into the water. The pollutants make the ocean dirty. We cannot breathe without clean water! I think humans should stop polluting where we live. Otherwise, many other ocean species will lose their homes or even die.

B Read the hints and complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.

1. Down (5 cells)

2. Down (3 cells)

3. Across (5 cells)

4. Down (3 cells)

5. Across (7 cells)

Hints:

1. It is illegal and cruel for poachers to _____ rhinoceros for their horns.
2. The giant pandas will soon become _____ unless we stop destroying bamboo forests.
3. Fish are often killed by the _____ industrial waste dumped in the ocean.
4. Accidental oil _____ pose a huge threat to marine life.
5. A _____ is a specific group of animals or plants which have similar features.

STEAM Highlights

What do migratory birds feed on? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)