



Eric is reading a poster about some endangered animals. Read the poster.

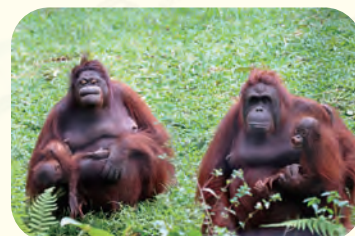
Don't Let Them Disappear

*Endangered Animals Info Day
13 / 10 / 20XX*

Over the centuries, many wild animals have become endangered or even gone extinct. We, as humans, **bear** a great **responsibility**. Check out the information below to learn about what animals are **on the verge of** extinction.

Sumatran Orangutan – **Critically Endangered**

Sumatran orangutans inhabit the Island of Sumatra in Indonesia. They mainly live in trees and seldom travel on the ground. They are facing the loss of habitat as people cut down **massive** amounts of trees in the forest for more land. For the same reason, forest fires are also set often, causing thousands of orangutans burnt to death.



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Hawksbill Turtle – **Critically Endangered**



Hawksbill turtles are found mainly in coral reefs. Habitat loss is their major threat. Coral reefs are dying off due to ocean warming caused by the greenhouse effect. Besides, the increasing amount of artificial light near their nesting areas causes light pollution, making it hard for their babies to return to the sea after birth.

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Galápagos Penguin – **Endangered**

The Galápagos penguin is one of the smallest penguins in the world. Global warming has caused the melting of sea ice. Apart from habitat loss, they also face food shortages. It makes them skip breeding and thus leads to a huge population drop.



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The future of these lovely animals is in our hands. Let's adopt a greener lifestyle to reduce the environmental impact on them. Come to the Endangered Animals Info Day to learn more about what you can do!

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On the verge of (phr.) means 'at a point that something is about to happen'. It has a similar meaning to words like 'nearly' and 'almost'. e.g. Sunda tigers are **on the verge of** extinction.



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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. In line 3, the word 'bear' means 'to _____'.

- A. have something special
- B. begin to use something
- C. hate something very much
- D. take on something that can be unpleasant



Tip
Q1: Replace the word with the options to see which one makes sense.

2. People set a fire in the forest to _____.

- A. stop the animals from eating fruit
- B. obtain more land
- C. force the animals to leave the trees
- D. hunt the animals for food

3. When there is not enough food for Galápagos penguins, they stop _____.

- A. eating
- B. swimming
- C. giving birth
- D. feeding their babies



4. Which of the following is NOT true according to the poster?

- A. Light pollution poses a threat to all endangered animals.
- B. Global warming worsens some animals' living conditions.
- C. Habitat loss is the main cause for the extinction of wild animals.
- D. We can save the animals by living in an environmentally-friendly way.

Complete the answers.

5. Why are hawksbill turtles facing habitat loss?

It is because _____
_____.

6. According to the poster, how can Eric know more ways to help the endangered animals?

He can _____.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the poster. Change the word form when necessary.

The Info Day is organised annually to highlight the importance of protecting

7. _____ animals. It is our 8. _____ to protect the wildlife.

Let's save the animals from the 9. _____ of extinction together!

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