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VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each conservation word with its meaning.

1 endangered species ____	**a** a species at risk of disappearing forever
2 extinction ____	**b** when a species disappears completely
3 habitat loss ____	**c** the destruction of an animal's natural home
4 poaching ____	**d** illegal hunting or capturing of animals
5 conservation ____	**e** the protection and careful management of nature
6 protect ____	**f** to keep something safe from harm
7 threatened ____	**g** at risk or in danger
8 wildlife ____	**h** wild animals living in their natural environment
9 vulnerable ____	**i** easily harmed or at risk
10 sanctuary ____	**j** a protected place for animals to live safely

2 Choose the correct form.

1 The tiger is an endangered species / endanger species.

2 The animal faced extinction / extinct.

3 Habitat loss / Habitat lose is a serious problem.

4 Poaching / Poach is illegal in this park.

5 We support wildlife conservation / conserve.

6 We must protect / protection endangered animals.

7 This species is threatened / threat.

8 The sanctuary / sanctuaries protects rescued animals.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

conservation | endangered | extinction | habitat loss | poaching | sanctuary | threatened | wildlife

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News A: The rhino is an 1 _____ species, facing serious threats from 2 _____ and 3 _____, as its natural land disappears.
News B: A new animal 4 _____ was opened to protect 5 _____ and support local 6 _____ efforts.
News C: Scientists warn that without action, several species face 7 _____ within decades, and many more remain 8 _____.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 endangered ____	**a** harm
2 protect ____	**b** domesticated
3 wild ____	**c** thriving/common
4 abundant ____	**d** rare/scarce
5 safe ____	**e** in danger
6 vulnerable ____	**f** resilient
7 legal ____	**g** illegal
8 increase ____	**h** decrease

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Saving the mountain gorilla

The mountain gorilla was once critically endangered, threatened mainly by habitat loss and poaching. Conservation groups worked for decades to protect their habitat and stop illegal hunting. Local communities also became involved, seeing the benefits of protecting wildlife for tourism. Slowly, the gorilla population began to recover, and today the species is considered less threatened than before, though conservationists say continued protection is still needed.

1 The mountain gorilla was once critically endangered. T / F

2 Poaching helped protect the gorillas. T / F

3 Conservation groups worked for decades. T / F

4 Local communities were not involved. T / F

5 The gorilla population began to recover. T / F

6 No more protection is needed now. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (from, of, to, on).

1 The species suffers _____ habitat loss.

2 The population is at risk _____ extinction.

3 We need to protect wildlife _____ poaching.

4 Conservation depends _____ community support.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of an endangered animal and what is being done to protect it (real or imaginary).

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and factual.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Conservation words

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 endangered species 2 extinction 3 Habitat loss 4 Poaching 5 conservation 6 protect 7 threatened 8 sanctuary

3 Descriptions

1 endangered 2 poaching 3 habitat loss 4 sanctuary 5 wildlife 6 conservation 7 extinction 8 threatened

4 Opposites

1 c 2 a 3 b 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - poaching threatened them.
3 T
4 F - they were involved.
5 T
6 F - continued protection is still needed.

6 Prepositions

1 from 2 of 3 from 4 on

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and factual wording.