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**Level 4 – 7th August, 2020**

## **Panda conservation drive harms other mammals**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200807-conservation-4.html>

Saving the giant panda from extinction is a conservation success story. The panda is the symbol for endangered species and is the WWF logo. An international conservation union removed it from the endangered species list in 2016. It is still "vulnerable". Conservationists fear the panda's success has come at a cost to other mammals sharing its habitat. A study found that many animals have disappeared from areas where the panda lives.

A researcher was happy the panda is safer. However, he is sad some of China's carnivorous mammals are now at risk. Since panda conservation started in the 1960s, Asian wild dogs have disappeared from 95% of protected areas, wolves from 77%, and snow leopards from 38%. However, the research findings recognised "the power of the giant panda as an umbrella that has effectively sheltered many other species".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Saving the giant panda from    | a. vulnerable           |
| 2. the WWF                        | b. disappeared          |
| 3. removed it from the endangered | c. logo                 |
| 4. It is still                    | d. panda lives          |
| 5. the panda's success has come   | e. species list in 2016 |
| 6. mammals sharing its            | f. at a cost            |
| 7. many animals have              | g. extinction           |
| 8. areas where the                | h. habitat              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A researcher was happy       | a. 1960s              |
| 2. some of China's carnivorous  | b. risk               |
| 3. now at                       | c. as an umbrella     |
| 4. Since panda conservation     | d. disappeared        |
| 5. in the                       | e. the panda is safer |
| 6. Asian wild dogs have         | f. species            |
| 7. the power of the giant panda | g. started            |
| 8. sheltered many other         | h. mammals            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saving the giant panda (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a conservation success story. The panda is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ species and is the WWF logo. An international conservation (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from the endangered species list in 2016. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Conservationists fear the panda's success has come at a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ mammals sharing its habitat. A study found that many animals have disappeared (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the panda lives.

A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the panda is safer. However, he is sad some of China's carnivorous mammals are (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Since panda conservation started (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Asian wild dogs have disappeared from 95% (10) \_\_\_\_\_, wolves from 77%, and snow leopards from 38%. However, the research findings recognised "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ the giant panda as an umbrella that has effectively sheltered (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CONSERVATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200807-conservation-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about conservation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

