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Snow leopard under threat from climate change

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THE READING

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The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has warned that climate change is threatening the snow leopard. It says rising temperatures are reducing the animals' natural habitat to the point where they could become extinct. Up to a third of the areas where the leopards live could become uninhabitable. The WWF said: "The Himalayas region will face a major crisis if we choose to ignore climate change...We risk losing...species such as the snow leopard."

Humans are also a big threat to the snow leopard. The big cats are hunted for their fur and body parts. Many poachers are joining this profitable, illegal trade. Farmers also kill the leopards. The natural prey of the snow leopards is decreasing, so the animals are going onto farms and killing farm animals. The result is the farmers shoot the leopards. The WWF released its report on Friday. This was the first ever International Snow Leopard Day.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-34616494>
<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/23/snow-leopards-at-risk-himalayas-face-climate-change-crisis>
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/climate-change-could-push-snow-leopards-closer-to-extinction/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. to the point where they could | a. crisis |
| 2. climate change is threatening | b. ignore climate change |
| 3. reducing the animals' natural | c. become extinct |
| 4. Up to | d. habitat |
| 5. areas where the leopards live could become | e. as the snow leopard |
| 6. The Himalayas region will face a major | f. uninhabitable |
| 7. if we choose to | g. a third |
| 8. We risk losing species such | h. the snow leopard |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Humans are also a big | a. prey of the snow leopards |
| 2. hunted for their fur | b. joining this |
| 3. Many poachers are | c. shoot the leopards |
| 4. illegal | d. its report on Friday |
| 5. The natural | e. and body parts |
| 6. the animals are going | f. threat |
| 7. the farmers | g. trade |
| 8. The WWF released | h. onto farms |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) (1) _____ climate change is threatening the snow leopard. It says rising temperatures are reducing the animals' natural habitat (2) _____ where they could become extinct. Up (3) _____ areas where the leopards live could become uninhabitable. The WWF said: "The Himalayas (4) _____ major crisis if (5) _____ ignore climate change...We risk losing... (6) _____ snow leopard."

Humans (7) _____ threat to the snow leopard. The big cats are hunted (8) _____ and body parts. Many poachers are joining this profitable, (9) _____. Farmers also kill the leopards. The natural (10) _____ snow leopards is decreasing, (11) _____ going onto farms and killing farm animals. The result is the farmers shoot the leopards. The WWF released its report on Friday. This (12) _____ International Snow Leopard Day.

SNOW LEOPARDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about snow leopards 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

