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**Level 5 – 7th August, 2019**

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

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200807-conservation-5.html>

Saving the giant panda from the brink of extinction is hailed as a conservation success story. For decades, the panda has been the symbol for all endangered species and is the logo of the World Wildlife Fund. An international conservation union removed it from the endangered species list in 2016, but it remains "vulnerable". Conservationists fear success for the panda has come at a cost to other mammals sharing its habitat. A study published in a journal found that the snow leopard, wolf and Asian wild dog have disappeared from many areas in which the giant panda lives.

A researcher from Peking University was happy the panda is safer. However, he lamented the fact that this has put some of China's larger, carnivorous mammals at risk. Since panda conservation started in the 1960s, Asian wild dogs have disappeared from 95% of protected reserves, wolves from 77%, and snow leopards from 38%. Research findings "indicate the insufficiency of giant panda conservation for protecting these large carnivore species". It recognised "the power of the giant panda as an umbrella that has effectively sheltered many other species".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-53616593>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/aug/03/giant-panda-conservation-efforts-have-harmed-other-mammals-study>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Saving the giant panda from the brink | a. in a journal      |
| 2. hailed as a conservation              | b. species           |
| 3. the panda has been                    | c. vulnerable        |
| 4. endangered                            | d. success story     |
| 5. it remains                            | e. giant panda lives |
| 6. success for the panda has             | f. of extinction     |
| 7. A study published                     | g. come at a cost    |
| 8. areas in which the                    | h. the symbol        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. happy the panda is                      | a. findings           |
| 2. he lamented                             | b. of the giant panda |
| 3. put some of China's larger, carnivorous | c. the fact           |
| 4. disappeared from 95% of                 | d. other species      |
| 5. research                                | e. mammals at risk    |
| 6. protecting these large carnivore        | f. safer              |
| 7. the power                               | g. protected reserves |
| 8. effectively sheltered many              | h. species            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saving the giant panda from the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is hailed as a conservation success story. For decades, the panda has been (2) \_\_\_\_\_ all endangered species and is the logo of the World Wildlife Fund. An international conservation union (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the endangered species list in 2016, but it remains "vulnerable". Conservationists (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the panda has come at a cost to other mammals (5) \_\_\_\_\_. A study published in a journal found that the snow leopard, wolf and Asian wild dog have disappeared from (6) \_\_\_\_\_ which the giant panda lives.

A researcher from Peking University was happy the panda is safer. However, he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that this has put some of China's larger, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ risk. Since panda conservation started in the 1960s, Asian wild dogs have disappeared from 95% (9) \_\_\_\_\_, wolves from 77%, and snow leopards from 38%. Research (10) \_\_\_\_\_ insufficiency of giant panda conservation for (11) \_\_\_\_\_ carnivore species". It recognised "the power of the giant panda as an umbrella that has effectively (12) \_\_\_\_\_ species".

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200807-conservation-5.html>

Write about **conservation** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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