## Where Have all the Animals Gone? Endangered Species

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1. Which action is now being taken to protect endangered species?
   1. Closing down most American zoos
   2. Teaching people how to hunt better
   3. Outlawing the use of DDT in the United States
   4. Getting laws passed to protect the environment
2. According to the fossil record, Earth has been around for only about 350,000 years.
   1. True
   2. False
3. When all of a species of plant or animal dies and is gone forever, it is called
   1. Extant
   2. Extinct
   3. Conserved
   4. Endangered
4. Which is the BIGGEST cause of plant and animal extinctions today?
   1. Hurricanes and ice storms
   2. A reversal in the energy pyramid
   3. Human impact on plant and animal habitats
   4. Lack of effort on the part of the animals and plants
5. What usually happens to animals that are slow, sick, or weak?
   1. They become the plant eaters and evolve.
   2. They become the prey of the strong predators.
   3. The pass their traits on to the next generation and die.
   4. They are hunted by the other slow, sick or weak animals.
6. Why is the rainforest such an important ecosystem to protect?
   1. It is an important source of wood for furniture.
   2. It changes the climate and increases global warming.
   3. It helps regulate climate and is home to many species.
   4. Its soil is poor , so farms and ranches do not make sense.
7. People today are \_\_\_.
   1. Keeping the balance of predators and prey.
   2. Ruining ecosystems and increasing the extinction rate.
   3. Changing the world so animal species can adapt faster.
   4. Endangering animals and decreasing the extinction rate.
8. The rainforests are being cleared for farming and cattle grazing. This is an example of \_\_\_\_.
   1. Wise land use
   2. Over-hunting
   3. Ecological protection
   4. Habitat destruction
9. An animal species is considered \_\_\_\_ when its population is so small that it will probably not survive.
   1. Threatened
   2. Extinct
   3. Endangered
   4. Cautioned