

ENDANGERED SPECIES – WORD LIST

- **acid rain** = rain that has dangerous chemicals from factory smoke or cars
- **acre** = it is about 4,000 square metres
- **adapt** = to get used to
- **appear** = show, come up
- **blubber** = the fat of a whale
- **cedar** = a large evergreen tree with leaves that look like needles
- **century** = a hundred years
- **certain** = special
- **clear** = to cut down and remove
- **common** = something that happens often
- **conservationist** = someone who works to protect plants and animals
- **conserve** = to protect something and keep it safe
- **daisy** = a white flower with a yellow centre
- **decade** = ten years
- **depend on** = need
- **destroy** = damage completely
- **destruction** = when something is destroyed or completely damaged
- **disappear** = when something is gone
- **endangered** = in danger
- **environment** = the world around us
- **eruption** = if something breaks out
- **extinct** = die out, something that no longer exists
- **fellow** = a person that you work with
- **found** = to start something new
- **fungus—fungi** = simple plant that has no leaves or flowers and grows on plants or the ground
- **furniture** = tables and chairs made of wood
- **gather** = collect
- **government** = the people who rule a country and make the laws
- **habitat** = the natural home of an animal or plant
- **Ice Age** = a time, thousands of years ago when ice covered much of our Earth
- **illegally** = against the law
- **in balance** = equal, stable
- **ivory** = the yellowish white material that tusks are made of
- **law** = set of rules in a country
- **marsupial** = an animal like a kangaroo that carries its babies in a pocket
- **native** = animals that grow and live in a certain place
- **organism** = a living thing
- **parasite** = a plant or animal that lives in another plant or animal and gets food from it
- **pest** = a small animal or insect that destroys farm plants
- **poison** = to make sick or kill
- **politician** = someone who works in politics or is a member of the government or parliament in a country
- **pollution** = when water, air, ground gets so dirty that it cannot be used any more
- **protect** = defend, guard
- **public** = all the people, those who do not work for the government
- **raise** = collect
- **rare** = not very often
- **research** = to study something and find out new things about it
- **reserve** = an area in which plants or animals are protected
- **resource** = things that exist in nature and that are used by people
- **roam** = wander around
- **scientist** = a person who is trained in science or works in a laboratory
- **settle** = to start living in a place
- **species** = a group of animals or plants that are alike
- **stable** = it does not change
- **supporter** = helper
- **survive** = to live on after a dangerous situation
- **task** = work that must be done
- **threat** = danger
- **tiny** = very small
- **tusk** = long pointed and curved teeth of an elephant
- **vanish** = disappear
- **water pollution** = dirty water