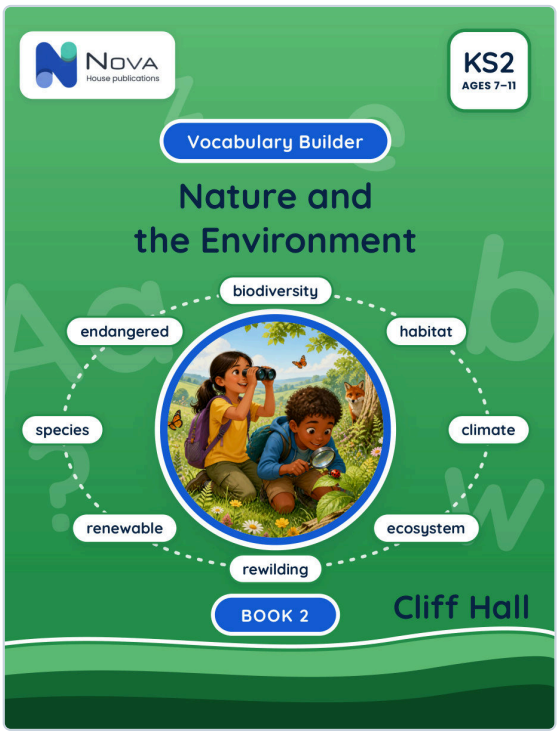
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# Vocabulary Builder

## Book 2: Nature and the Environment

### Section 1: Wildlife and Conservation




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**1 Print**
Print on A4 at home. Every page fits the sheet, so choose "Fit to page" if your printer asks.

**2 Have a go**
Let your child work through the activities at their own pace. Allow 30 to 40 minutes.

**3 Check together**
Use the answers on page 8 and talk through any new words.

## About the book

Words for wildlife, weather and caring for our planet. Five themed sections build the vocabulary children need to read, talk and write about the natural world. For ages 7 to 11 (KS2) and beyond.

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Section 1

# Wildlife and Conservation




**Look at the words in the word cloud above.**

- Sort the words into three columns: Easy, Medium and Hard.
- When you have finished this section of the book, look at your columns again and decide if you would like to move any of the words.

**Your notes and answers:**


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## Activity 1: Protect the Environment

Look at the picture story below, which shows a meeting between Anna and Martin. Answer the questions which follow.




1. What is Anna worried about? Can you think of two words to describe Anna?

2. What is Martin trying to do? Can you think of two words to describe Martin?

3. The story shows a tiger and a rhinoceros. Can you think of any other endangered animals?

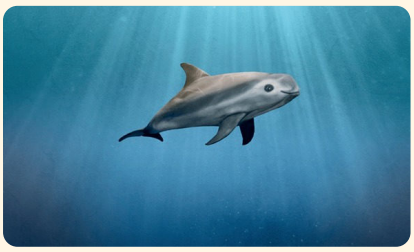
4. What problem do you think is the focus of this story?

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**Did you know?**

The vaquita, a tiny porpoise found only in Mexico's Gulf of California, is the world's most endangered sea mammal, with fewer than 10 left in the wild. Despite conservation efforts, their numbers have collapsed because they get caught by accident in illegal fishing nets.



## Activity 2: Matching Definitions

**Match each word on the left to its correct definition on the right.**

| Word | Definition |
|---|---|
| endangered | the introduction of harmful substances into the environment |
| extinction | a species at risk of becoming extinct |
| poaching | the clearing of forests, threatening biodiversity |
| deforestation | the illegal hunting or capturing of animals |
| pollution | the complete disappearance of a species |


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## Endangered (adjective)

**Definition:**
At serious risk of disappearing from the wild forever.

**Say it like:**
en-DAYN-jerd (en·dan·gered)

**Example:**
The giant panda used to be endangered, but conservation efforts helped its population grow.

**Synonyms and related terms:**

1. threatened
2. at risk
3. vulnerable

**Word family:**

1. endanger (verb): Pollution can endanger sea life.
2. endangerment (noun): Habitat destruction is a major cause of species endangerment.

## Activity 3: Endangered Species

**Write a sentence using "endangered" and one of its related words (e.g. endanger, critically endangered).**

## Activity 4: The Fight Against Extinction

**Read the article below and answer the questions which follow.**

### The Fight Against Extinction

Many animals around the world are in danger. Some species are endangered, meaning they are at risk of disappearing forever. This disappearance is called extinction, and it happens when too few of a species remain to survive.

One major threat to wildlife is poaching: the illegal hunting of animals. Elephants, rhinos and tigers are often targeted for their tusks, horns or fur. Another big problem is deforestation, where forests are cut down for farming or buildings, destroying animals' homes.


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Pollution also harms wildlife. Chemicals in rivers, plastic in oceans and dirty air make it hard for animals to survive. Finally, climate change is causing long-term shifts in weather and habitats. Polar bears, for example, struggle as ice melts in the Arctic.

Luckily, people are working to protect wildlife. Laws against poaching, tree-planting projects and cleaner energy can help. By learning and acting, we can all make a difference!

1 How does deforestation harm animals?

2 Why is poaching a problem for wildlife?

3 Name one way pollution affects animals.

4 How can people help protect endangered species?


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## Activity 5: Fill in the Blanks

**The words in the word bank describe actions or ways to protect and preserve wildlife. Choose the correct word from the word bank to complete each sentence.**

conservation | sanctuary | marine conservation | reintroduction | captive breeding | wildlife corridor

1. A _____ is a protected area where animals can live safely, away from hunters and habitat destruction.
2. The _____ of tigers into the wild has helped increase their population after years of decline.
3. Zoos often use _____ programmes to help endangered species have young in a safe environment.
4. _____ efforts, such as reducing plastic waste, are vital to protecting ocean life like dolphins and sea turtles.
5. A _____ connects separate forests, allowing animals like deer and bears to move safely between habitats.
6. Many organisations work on _____ projects to protect endangered species and their natural habitats.

## Activity 6: Writing Practice

**Choose any two of the words from the activity above. Write two sentences using those words.**

**Did you know?**

In the early 1980s, only about 250 mountain gorillas were left in the Virunga Mountains. Thanks to conservation, there are now more than 1,000!


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# Answers and Explanations

## Section 1: Wildlife and Conservation

### Activity 1: Protect the Environment

**Example answers: any similar, sensible answers are acceptable.**

1. Anna is worried about protecting endangered species and the environment. She could be described as a conservationist, an environmentalist or an eco-warrior.
2. Martin is hunting animals for trophies. He could be described as a trophy hunter, a poacher or a hunter.
3. Examples: Amur leopard, Sumatran orangutan, black rhino, Asian elephant, hawksbill turtle, mountain gorilla.
4. The damage that humans and hunters are doing to endangered species.

### Activity 2: Matching Definitions

endangered: a species at risk of becoming extinct
extinction: the complete disappearance of a species
poaching: the illegal hunting or capturing of animals
deforestation: the clearing of forests, threatening biodiversity
pollution: the introduction of harmful substances into the environment

### Activity 3: Endangered Species

**Example answer:**

Poaching and habitat loss endanger the Amur leopard, which is now critically endangered.

### Activity 4: The Fight Against Extinction

**Example answers: any similar, sensible answers are acceptable.**

1. Deforestation destroys forests, which are the natural homes of many animals. Without trees and plants, animals lose their shelter and food.
2. Poaching is a problem because illegal hunting kills too many animals, making it harder for endangered species to survive.
3. Pollution can poison rivers and oceans, making it dangerous for fish and other sea creatures to live there.
4. People can help by stopping deforestation, reducing pollution and supporting laws against poaching.

### Activity 5: Fill in the Blanks

1. sanctuary
2. reintroduction
3. captive breeding
4. Marine conservation
5. wildlife corridor
6. conservation

### Activity 6: Writing Practice

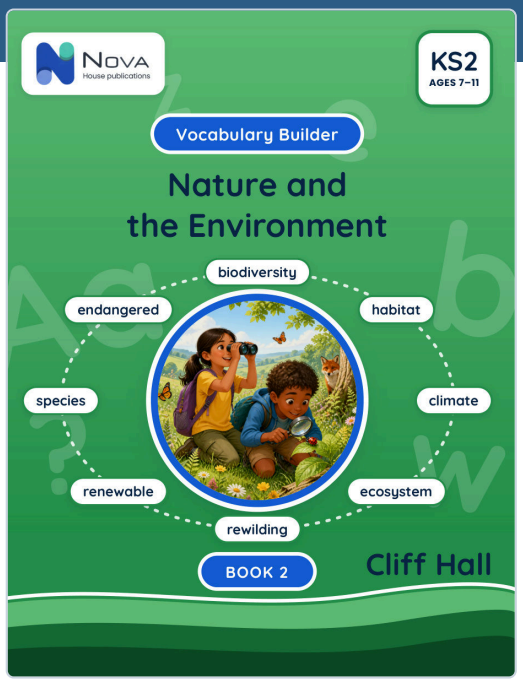
**Example answers:**

The injured animals were taken to a sanctuary where they could recover safely.
Captive breeding programmes have helped increase the population of endangered pandas.


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