

# ENGLISH

## Chapter 16 Session B

**1st**  
SECONDARY

**ANIMALS IN DANGER**



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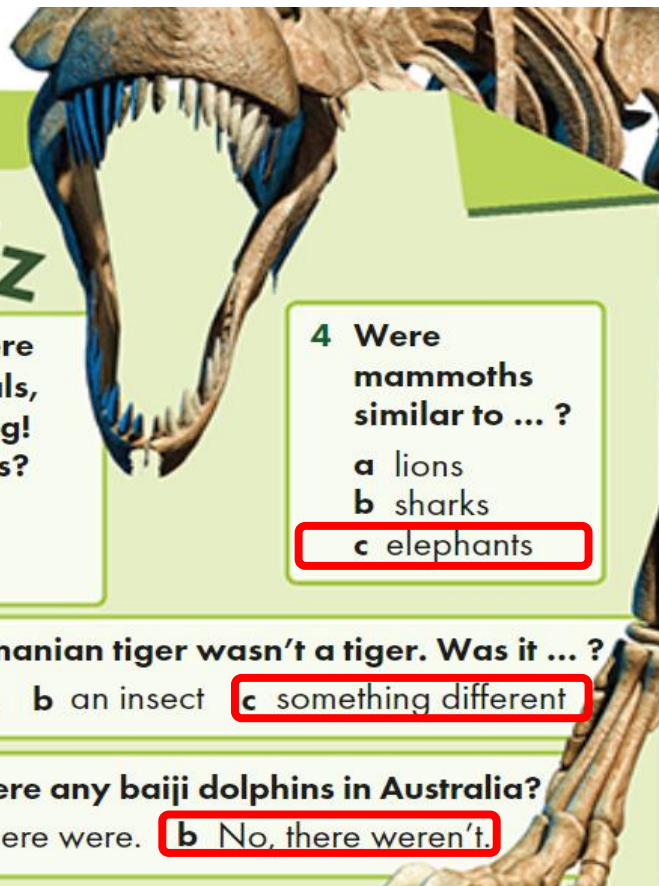
# Helico motivation



**1**  Work in pairs. Answer the quiz questions.

## How much do you know about extinct animals?

# Amazing animals of the past Quiz



**1 Which dinosaur was the biggest?**

- a** the Titanosaurus
- b** the Tyrannosaurus Rex
- c** the Stegosaurus

**2 Was the dodo ... ?**

- a** a reptile
- b** a mammal
- c** a bird

**3 Steller's sea cows were very big sea mammals, up to nine meters long! Were they dangerous?**

- a** Yes, they were.
- b** No, they weren't.

**4 Were mammoths similar to ... ?**


- a** lions
- b** sharks
- c** elephants

**5 The Tasmanian tiger wasn't a tiger. Was it ... ?**


- a** a dog
- b** an insect
- c** something different

**6 Were there any baiji dolphins in Australia?**

- a** Yes, there were.
- b** No, there weren't.

**2**  **37** Listen and check your answers.



**3**  38 Read and listen to the article about two animals. What do they have in common?



# The saiga and the mountain gorilla

## Two conservation success stories

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What can we do to stop this from happening?  
Let's meet two endangered animals and find out.





A \_\_\_\_\_

The saiga has brown or gray fur, horns and a very strange long nose. It lives in groups in the **deserts** of south-east Europe and central Asia. They can travel up to 1,000 km between summer and winter. In the 1990s there were more than a million saigas, but by the year 2000 the population was less than 50,000.

B \_\_\_\_\_

The mountain gorilla is a large mammal. It lives in national parks in two regions of Africa. It has black fur and is very intelligent. In 1960 there were about 500 gorillas in the Virunga mountains, but by the 1970s the **population** was about 200.

C \_\_\_\_\_

The saiga and the gorilla were both at risk of extinction. The reduction in **habitat** was a big problem: there wasn't enough open space for the saiga and there was less forest for the gorilla.

**Hunting** was also a serious problem. Some people kill gorillas or sell them. There weren't any **laws** to stop this until 2008. Other people kill saigas for their horns.



## FUN FACTS

Mountain gorillas can weigh 180 kg.

Gearing up for Gorillas

Logo of G4G, a mountain gorilla charity organization

**D** \_\_\_\_\_

Animal conservation organizations, like WWF®, and governments were very worried and there was a big **campaign** to help the saiga and the gorilla, with more money to protect their habitats and new laws to stop hunting. There were special exhibits and there was even a saiga stamp!

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

The saiga and mountain gorilla are still in danger but the populations are slowly growing. And the saiga and the gorilla are not the only success stories: a similar program is also helping the giant panda. Extinction of plants and animals is still a very serious problem, but with success stories like these, we can see that change is possible.



Saiga postage stamp from Mongolia

## 4 Match headings 1–5 with paragraphs A–E in the article.

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### A What is a saiga?

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### B What are the facts about gorillas?

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### C Why were saigas and gorillas in danger?

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### D What solutions were there to the problems?

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### E Can we change this situation?

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**5 Which animal does the information refer to?  
Write G (gorilla) or S (saiga).**

- 1 In the 1900s, the population was over a million. Saiga
- 2 They sometimes travel 1,000 km. Saiga
- 3 There were 500 in 1960. Gorilla
- 4 There were 50,000 in the year 2000. Saiga
- 5 There were about 200 in the 1970s. Gorilla

**6** Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

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|---|--|--------------|
| 1 | The saiga has a very small nose.   | <b>False</b> |
| 2 | The gorilla has gray fur.  | <b>False</b> |
| 3 | The reasons for changes in saiga and gorilla populations were habitat and hunting. | <b>True</b>  |
| 4 | The populations of both animals are improving.                                     | <b>True</b>  |
| 5 | The saiga and gorilla are the only success stories.                                | <b>False</b> |

campaign

deserts

habitat

hunting

laws

population

## 8 Complete the sentences with words from exercise 7.

- 1 The Sahara and the Gobi are deserts.
- 2 Oceans and rivers are the habitat of the dolphin.
- 3 I don't like hunting or killing animals.
- 4 I'm organizing a campaign to get people to bike to school.
- 5 We need more laws to control the internet.
- 6 The population of my city is 700,000.




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## Word work

Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

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- 1 a program of activities \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 the number of people or animals living somewhere \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 killing an animal for food or sport \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 rules made by a government \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 the place where an animal lives \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 very hot, dry places

deserts

