

THINK! Look at the animals in the box. Which animals do you think are ugly?

eagle gorilla frog spider bat crocodile



BLOBFISH

we love you!


The blobfish isn't the most **beautiful** or **common** fish on the planet. It has a **dull** colour and you don't usually see it because it lives 1,000 metres under the seas near Australia.

But now through magazines and the internet, the blobfish is famous because people say that it's the ugliest animal in the world.

Every year, thousands of species of animals become extinct. We often see information about the biggest, the most interesting, the most beautiful and the most **colourful**, such as whales, butterflies or pandas. The weirdest or ugliest animals also need our help.

Are they really ugly? No, they're interesting and **rare**. The best idea is to protect all animals.



2  1.33 Read and listen to the text and write **True or False**.

- 1 The blobfish is quite rare.
- 2 The blobfish sometimes lives in rivers.
- 3 The blobfish is well-known through magazines and the internet.
- 4 There's a lot of information about pandas, but not whales.

3 VOCABULARY PLUS Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in **blue** in the text.

4  **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Do you know the names of any animals in danger? Do you think which ones are ugly and which ones are beautiful?

1 Check the meanings of the words in **blue** in sentences 1–3. Then read the text. Which sentences does the writer agree with?

- 1 It's important to **protect** all animals because they are all interesting.
- 2 It's best to protect the beautiful **species**, not the ugly ones.
- 3 A lot of species **become extinct** every year. Animals in **danger** need our **help**.