

# Plants and animals

branch (n)  
bush (n)  
countryside (n)  
creature (n)  
domestic (adj)

female (n/adj)  
hunt (v)  
introduction (n)  
male (n/adj)  
native (adj)

poisonous (adj)  
population (n)  
seed (n)  
species (n)  
wing (n)

**A Complete the phrases using words from the box.**

branches bush creature domestic male poisonous seeds wildlife



- 1 a \_\_\_\_\_ snake      4 a \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit      7 planting \_\_\_\_\_  
2 a \_\_\_\_\_ lion      5 Australian \_\_\_\_\_      8 a sea \_\_\_\_\_  
3 a rose \_\_\_\_\_      6 \_\_\_\_\_ of a tree

**B Match the first part of the sentences (1–10) to the second part (a–j).**

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| 1 The giant panda is native to China;                       | a such as small animals and birds.            |
| 2 Owls usually hunt at night;                               | b one of these is the European rabbit.        |
| 3 Those frogs are poisonous;                                | c they're an endangered species.              |
| 4 There are more elephants than before;                     | d the woods and fields are very green.        |
| 5 These plants attract wildlife to the area;                | e creatures that eat them will die.           |
| 6 Most male animals have to fight;                          | f they catch small animals and birds.         |
| 7 There are very few orangutans left in the world;          | g they need their mothers' milk to survive.   |
| 8 The countryside looks different here;                     | h it's the only country where it is found.    |
| 9 Australia has experienced the introduction of 56 animals; | i the population is growing.                  |
| 10 Baby animals usually stay with the females;              | j there can only be one leader in each group. |

**C Complete the text. Use one word from the vocabulary list at the top of the page for each space.**

The red squirrel is <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the UK; it has lived there for thousands of years. In fact, it is one of the country's most popular <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Red squirrels build nests between the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of trees. Young squirrels are born in the spring and are looked after by the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ until they become adults. Their main food is <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from inside pine cones, but they also eat fruit from trees and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The red squirrel's future is uncertain because of the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the grey squirrel from North America during the 19th century. Today there are only 140,000 red squirrels left, while the <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of grey squirrels is around 2.5 million. In the <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, there are several birds and animals that <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ red squirrels for food. In the city, <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cats can be a problem when the squirrels go into gardens to feed. Recently, the government has passed a number of measures to try to protect the <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

