



# CIRCLES OF DOUBT

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## GRADES 3 - 5

### KEY WORDS

- species
- threatened
- endangered
- extinct

### STANDARDS

- SCI.4.3.4

### OBJECTIVE

- Students will learn that humans have caused animals to become extinct or endangered by destroying natural habitats, using pesticides, overhunting, using skins, feathers, or other animal parts for clothing or fashion accessories, and keeping exotic animals as pets.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- An endangered species is one that is in danger of becoming extinct.
- A threatened species is at risk of becoming endangered.
- If the current rate of habitat destruction is not drastically curbed, over 1,000 species of animals may become extinct each year.

### PROCEDURE

- Have students read each clue and unscramble the name of the endangered animal, using the letters in each circle.

### RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Grade the worksheet for completion or accuracy.
- Have students compare their answers in groups.

### ANSWERS

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| 1. macaws  | 4. red panda         |
| 2. gibbon  | 5. ring-tailed lemur |
| 3. cheetah | 6. tortoise          |





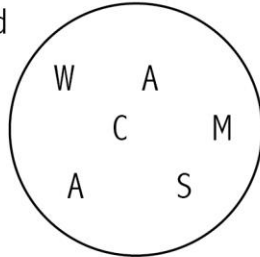
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Read the clues and unscramble the letters in each circle to find the name of the animal.



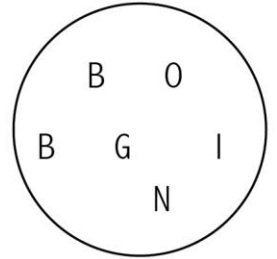
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1. These parrots are endangered because they are captured and smuggled in to be sold as pets.



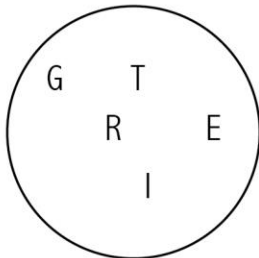
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2. These large, tailless members of the primate family are losing their homes in the rain forests of Asia.



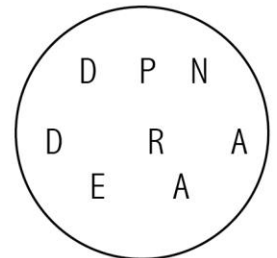
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3. Although it's one of the most powerful predators in the jungle, it is still losing the race that is destroying its natural habitat.



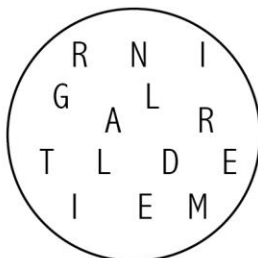
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4. This raccoon-faced, bamboo eater is not related to the cuddly, black-and-white 'bear'.



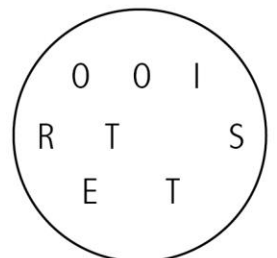
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5. This primate is native to Madagascar and sports a banded tail for communication, but has no known predator except for man.



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6. This giant, slow-moving reptile can live for more than 100 years.



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