

## Reading Comprehension Answers – Protect our Species

1. What is the theme for Earth Day 2019?

**Protect Our Species**

2. Match the boxes to make the sentences correct.

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| There are lots of different species of plants and animals on Earth but | all the animals or all the plants of a species die out. |
| 'Extinct' is when  | the dinosaurs disappeared.                              |
| The last time when so many species became extinct was when             | many are in danger of becoming extinct.                 |

3. According to the text, lots of which type of animal species could be extinct by the year 2080? Tick **one**.

- whales
- tigers
- lizards**
- insects

4. The organisers at Earth Day want... **“people to be friendlier towards the Earth.”**  
According to their advice, what could people do to be friendlier? Include **two** ideas in your answer.

**Pupils’ own responses, such as: ‘People could help the Earth by making a bug hotel in their garden to encourage insects or by walking to school.’**

5. What will happen if insect numbers fall?  
**If insect numbers fall many plants will not grow.**
6. Number these to show the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

**3** Some big cat species, like tigers and leopards, might soon become extinct.

**2** Many bird species are facing extinction.

**5** Tell people about Earth Day.

**4** There is still hope.

**1** Earth Day is now celebrated in over 192 countries.

7. Why do you think Earth Day is important? Give reasons for your answer.

**Pupils’ own responses, such as: ‘I think Earth Day is really important because it is an event that tells people about the problems facing the world. There are lots of animal and plant species in danger of becoming extinct, such as big cats and lizards. Earth Day can teach people about what is happening and help us think about what we can do to help.’**

8. What do the organisers of Earth Day 2019 want to achieve? Tick **two**.

**to teach people about animals and plants becoming extinct**

to use plastics

for humans to be remembered for wiping out many of Earth’s plants and animals

**for people to understand the importance of looking after the world’s animals and plants**