

Unit 1

Name: _____

Reading Comprehension

Dreaming of Dodos

A What is the author's purpose? Answer the questions.

- 1 The author wants you to feel concerned about animal extinction. What part made you feel most concerned?

- 2 The author also wants you to learn about animal extinction. What did you learn?

- 3 The author wants the reader to take action. What could we do to help?

B Read. Check (✓) the main idea and the supporting details.

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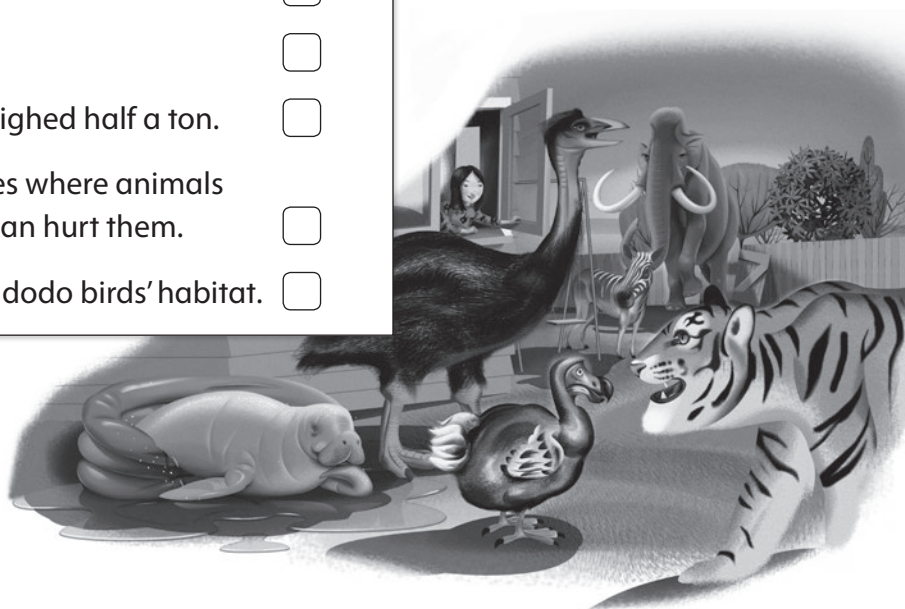
The main idea is ...

- a Some animals are extinct because of habitat change and weather change. ☐
- b Dreams about extinct and endangered animals are scary. ☐
- c People should try to prevent animals from becoming extinct. ☐

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Three supporting details are ...

- a Humans exploited the quagga and they became extinct. ☐
- b Mina had a dream. ☐
- c The elephant bird weighed half a ton. ☐
- d Sanctuaries are places where animals can live and no one can hurt them. ☐
- e Sailors destroyed the dodo birds' habitat. ☐



C Complete the sentence. Then answer the question.

Dreaming of Dodos is a _____ story.

How is this type of story different from realistic fiction?

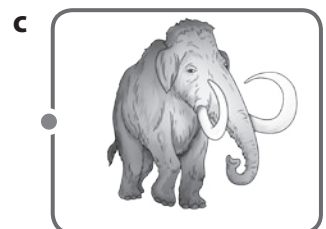
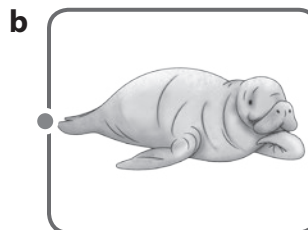
D Match the conversations with the animals.

1 We were hunted by explorers, fishermen, and hunters who killed and ate us.

2 I've been extinct for over a thousand years.

3 Scientists think the weather changed, changing our habitat.

4 These humans exploited us. Eventually, we all became extinct.



E Read the clues and write the animals.

- 1 This ancient creature weighed half a ton. Its eggs were huge. _____
- 2 This animal was a species of zebra. _____
- 3 People made shoes and boots from this animal's skin. _____
- 4 This animal isn't extinct, but it's endangered. _____

Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.

1 eventually

2 suffered

3 rare