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Word Meaning Questions



For these questions, you'll need to think about what specific words **MEAN**.
Read the article again before you try to answer these questions.

1. 'diverse and fascinating wild animals'

a) Which word could the writer have used instead of '**diverse**' in this phrase?

opposite

large

varied

unequal

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Circle your answer.

b) What does the word '**fascinating**' mean in this phrase?

interesting

beautiful

strange

unusual

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Circle your answer.

2. 'Since the 1940s, bumblebee numbers have fallen sharply'

What does the word '**sharply**' mean in this sentence?

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3. 'Britain's prickliest mammal'

In this sentence, the word '**prickliest**' means the same as

Tick **one** box.

most angry

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most spiky

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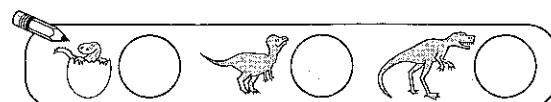
most dangerous

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most ticklish

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Reading Raptors can swallow word meaning questions whole. How did you find them?



The last few questions on Endangered Species are under here. ➡

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Summary Questions



When answering **SUMMARY** questions, make sure you don't focus on any specific facts, but look at what the overall meaning is. Reread the text before trying these questions.

1. Which phrase best summarises the two boxes on page 24?

species thriving in the UK

how to protect red squirrels

species in decline in the UK

why bumblebees are in crisis

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Circle your answer.

2. What is the main message of the text?

Tick **one** box.

If a species becomes extinct it is lost forever.

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The UK is rich in wildlife.

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Conservationists help to protect endangered species.

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Conservation is important and everyone can help.

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Language Question



LANGUAGE questions can be tricky. You need to think about why the writer has chosen the words they've used. Have a careful read through the text again, then try this question.

1. '... the ongoing decline in red squirrel numbers represents a national tragedy for the UK.'

What do the words '**a national tragedy**' suggest about the decline of red squirrels in the UK?

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Reading Raptors eat summary questions for dinner and language questions for pudding. How about you?

