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Prince Charles warns of human extinction

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Britain's Prince Charles has warned us that we could become extinct one day. He said this in a speech he made as the new President of the Worldwide Wildlife Fund (WWF) in the UK. He told everyone at his first meeting that unless humans change their lifestyles, they could all die out and become extinct. In particular, he said we have to stop buying everything we want because this is using up the Earth's resources. He also spoke about the dangers of climate change and our disappearing animals, fish and other wildlife.

Prince Charles warned that many species are dying out. He said animals were becoming extinct at the fastest rate since the dinosaurs died 65 million years ago. The Prince of Wales said that if the world carries on "business as usual," then humans will be in danger. The prince also made a joke that he was also a "rare species", so he really understood the WWF. The WWF started 50 years ago to protect animals like the panda. Prince Charles said the challenge today is much, much bigger.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. we could become extinct | a. everything |
| 2. He said this in a | b. change |
| 3. we have to stop buying | c. resources |
| 4. using up the Earth's | d. other wildlife |
| 5. the dangers of climate | e. one day |
| 6. disappearing animals, fish and | f. speech he made |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. many species are | a. 65 million years ago |
| 2. the dinosaurs died | b. species |
| 3. business as | c. much bigger |
| 4. a rare | d. usual |
| 5. protect animals | e. dying out |
| 6. the challenge today is much, | f. like the panda |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Britain's Prince Charles _____ we could become extinct one day. He said this _____ as the new President of the Worldwide Wildlife Fund (WWF) in the UK. He told everyone at his first meeting _____ change their lifestyles, they could all die out and become extinct. In particular, he said we have to stop buying everything we want because _____ the Earth's resources. He _____ the dangers of climate change and our disappearing animals, fish _____.

Prince Charles warned that many _____ out. He said animals were becoming _____ rate since the dinosaurs died 65 million years ago. The Prince of Wales said that if the world carries on " _____," then humans will be in danger. The prince also made a joke that he was _____, so he really understood the WWF. The WWF started 50 years ago to _____ the panda. Prince Charles said _____ is much, much bigger.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Britain's Prince Charles has warned us that we could become extinct one (1) _____. He said this in a speech he made as the new President of the Worldwide Wildlife Fund (WWF) in the UK. He told everyone at his first meeting that (2) _____ humans change their lifestyles, they could all die (3) _____ and become extinct. In (4) _____, he said we have to stop buying everything we want because this is (5) _____ up the Earth's resources. He also spoke about the dangers of climate change and our disappearing animals, fish and other (6) _____.

Prince Charles warned that many species are dying out. He said animals were becoming extinct at the fastest (7) _____ since the dinosaurs died 65 million years ago. The Prince of Wales said that if the world (8) _____ on "business as usual," then humans will be (9) _____ danger. The prince also made a joke that he was also a "(10) _____ species", so he really understood the WWF. The WWF started 50 years ago to (11) _____ animals like the panda. Prince Charles said the challenge today is much, (12) _____ bigger.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) week | (b) month | (c) day |
| 2. | (a) useless | (b) uneven | (c) unless |
| 3. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in |
| 4. | (a) peculiar | (b) particular | (c) practical |
| 5. | (a) using | (b) used | (c) uses |
| 6. | (a) wilderness | (b) wildfire | (c) wildlife |
| 7. | (a) rate | (b) late | (c) date |
| 8. | (a) hurries | (b) carries | (c) curries |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) by |
| 10. | (a) rarely | (b) roar | (c) rare |
| 11. | (a) protection | (b) protect | (c) protecting |
| 12. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) most |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Prince Charles has dreanw us
2. in a eehpsc he made
3. at his first tmeigne
4. die out and become ettixcn
5. using up the Earth's ecrsresuo
6. animals, fish and other iwdfllei

Paragraph 2

7. species are iygnd out
8. at the tsaetfs rate
9. 65 mollini years ago
10. business as uausl
11. trtepc animals like the panda
12. the lnlhecgea today

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of climate change and our disappearing animals, fish and other wildlife.
- () Prince Charles warned that many species are dying out. He said animals were becoming extinct
- () at the fastest rate since the dinosaurs died 65 million years ago. The Prince of Wales said that
- () out and become extinct. In particular, he said we have to stop buying everything we
- () everyone at his first meeting that unless humans change their lifestyles, they could all die
- () the WWF. The WWF started 50 years ago to protect animals
- () if the world carries on "business as usual," then humans will be in danger. The prince also made a
- () joke that he was also a "rare species", so he really understood
- () like the panda. Prince Charles said the challenge today is much, much bigger.
- (**1**) Britain's Prince Charles has warned us that we could become extinct one day. He said this in a
- () speech he made as the new President of the Worldwide Wildlife Fund (WWF) in the UK. He told
- () want because this is using up the Earth's resources. He also spoke about the dangers

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. could extinct day We become one.

2. in a He speech said he this made.

3. out They and could become all extinct die.

4. buying have stop everything We to.

5. spoke dangers change also the climate He about of.

6. animals becoming said were extinct He.

7. 65 died dinosaurs The ago years million.

8. carries world The usual as business on.

9. prince made joke The also a.

10. animals Protect panda the like.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about extinction for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. EXTINCTION: Search the Internet and find more information about extinction and extinct species. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about extinction. Include imaginary interviews with Prince Charles and a member of a species that is disappearing. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Prince Charles. Ask him three questions about extinction. Give him three of your opinions on how to reverse it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.