

# Dr. Stuart's Fun School

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Gring and Woodin have come to the zoo with biologist Dr. Stuart.



Dr. Simon Stuart  
2021 Winner  
of the Blue Planet Prize



It looks very strong!

Tiger



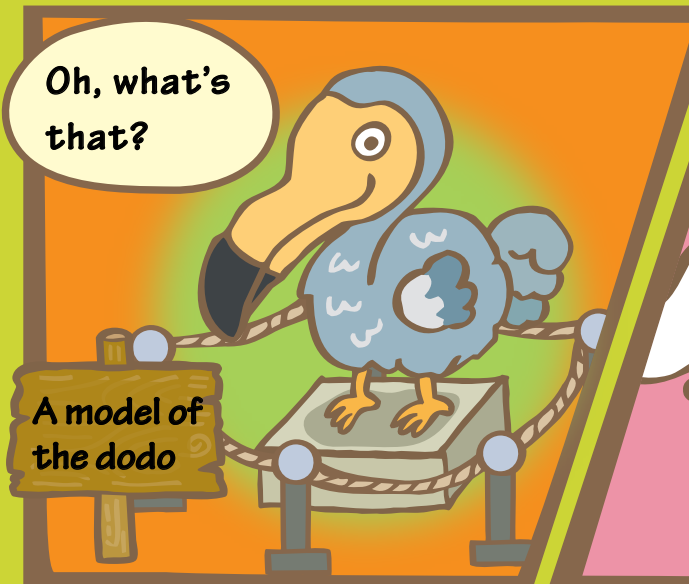
It's totally white!

Polar Bear



Black Rhinoceros

Its horns are cool.



Oh, what's that?

A model of the dodo



Funny name, huh?

Aren't there any living dodos?



They became extinct.



What does "extinct" mean?

It means a certain species can no longer be found on earth. The dodo was a flightless bird that was found only on the island of Mauritius. But people who came to the island kept hunting dodos for food until the very last one was gone.





# Quiz

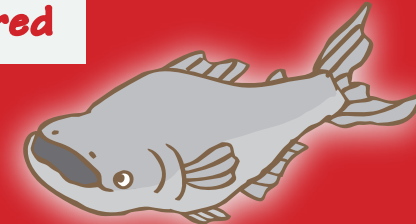


## Threatened Categories

- (A) Critically endangered**
- (B) Endangered**
- (C) Vulnerable**

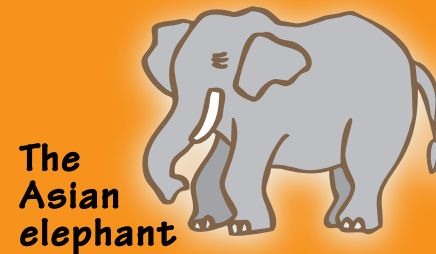
Match the tiger, the polar bear, and the black rhinoceros with the correct choice from (A) to (C).  
The answers are on the next page!

### (A) Critically endangered



There's a whale, a fish, a turtle, and even some trees.

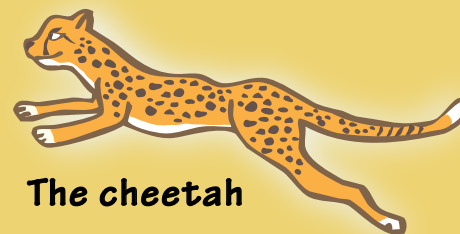
### (B) Endangered



The metasequoia



### (C) Vulnerable



The giant panda



These examples are only a few of the species on the Red List, which includes plants as well as animals.

\*The wildlife above is categorized as of 2021.



# - Answers -



The tiger  
**Endangered**



The polar bear  
**Vulnerable**

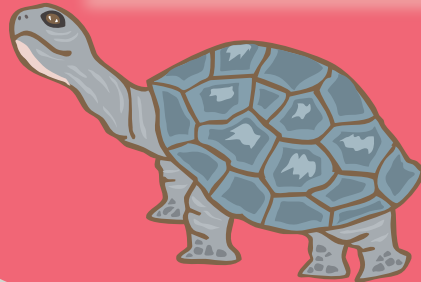


The black rhinoceros  
**Critically endangered**

Other than species in the threatened categories, the list also includes these animals shown below.

## Species that went extinct

The Pinta Island tortoise



The Tasmanian wolf



Species that are extinct in the wild

The Wyoming toad



Species that are near threatened

The emperor penguin

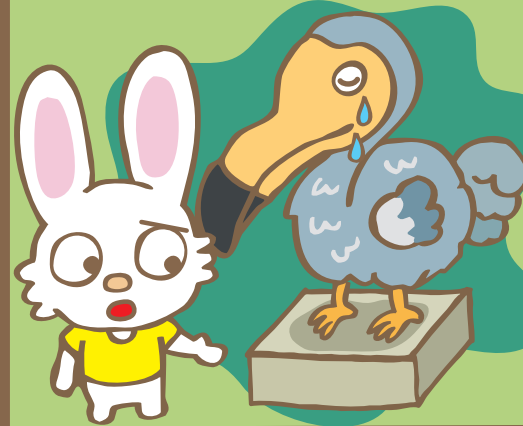


Species that are of least concern

The moose



? Will threatened species go extinct someday, like the dodo? ?



No, they won't!  
It's not too late if we take notice of the warnings in the Red List and take strong conservation action.



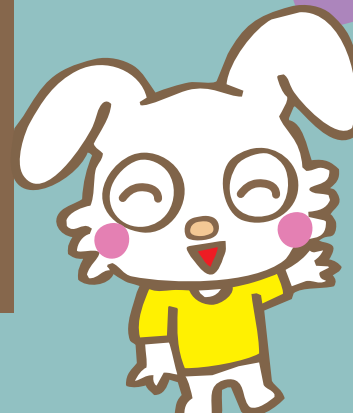
For example, the Japanese crested ibis was on the verge of extinction.



Recognizing this risk, people helped hatch baby birds and protected their habitats, and so the bird has gradually increased in number.



Great!  
I hope they will no longer face the risk of extinction!



There are many other threats. For example, poachers have always been around, hunting tigers for their fur and bones, and black rhinoceroses for their horns.



Also, human activities have caused global warming, resulting in the melting of ice in the North Pole and making it hard for polar bears to live there.

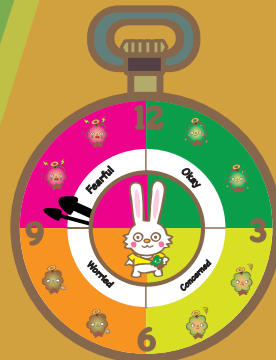


There are a lot of things we can do!  
The Red List is also useful in understanding wildlife so we can protect them.

Let's all think together!



Environmental Doomsday Clock



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