# Year 6 Reading Assessment

Non-Fiction Answer Booklet

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Questions 1 to 14 are about ‘Endangered’

1. According to the introduction of the text, how many species have now been classified as ‘Extinct in the Wild’?

2. How tall was the dodo bird thought to be?

3. What other animals does the text list as being now extinct? Tick three.
   - passenger pigeon
   - West African black rhino
   - mountain gorilla
   - Tasmanian tiger
   - black rhino
   - giant panda

4. Look at this sentence:
   “Some animals, like the bald eagle and the American alligator, were once on the **brink** of extinction but are now known to be recovering.”

   What is the meaning of the word **brink** in this sentence?
5. Complete this table of information about some of the animals’ features in the text:

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<td>Mountain Gorilla</td>
<td>Critically Endangered</td>
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Look at the section about the South China Tiger.

6. In what year did the Chinese government introduce a hunting ban?

7. According to the text, why is this species of tiger considered to be ‘functionally extinct’?

8. Find and copy a word which means reducing or getting smaller in number.
Look at the section about the Giant Panda.

9. Why might it be surprising that the giant panda is endangered? Give two reasons.
1. 
2. 

10. Why are the pandas important for the bamboo forests?

11. How do pandas living in the wild benefit other animal species?

12. Match these facts with the correct animal in the text. One has been done for you.

- **Dodo**
  - Suffered from years of war, hunting, habitat destruction and disease

- **Bald Eagle**
  - Killed for the illegal trade of their horn

- **Mountain Gorilla**
  - Flightless bird, now extinct

- **Black Rhino**
  - Once at risk of extinction but now recovering
13. Give two reasons why animals should be saved from extinction. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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14. Look at the section called ‘What causes endangerment or extinction?’
The text says: ‘Animal extinction can occur due to natural or human causes.’

Which reason do you think is more likely to be responsible for species becoming extinct in recent years? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

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End of questions about ‘Endangered’

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