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**Module Two Unit Two** 

# Wildlife Protection

嵊州市高级中学





What do you think about the animals when you see these pictures?

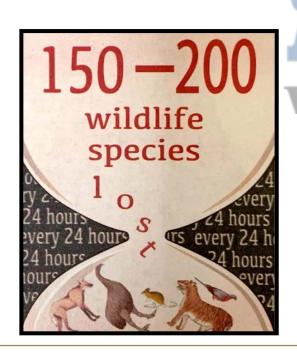


Wildlife is living in harmony in their wild habitats and enjoy themselves.

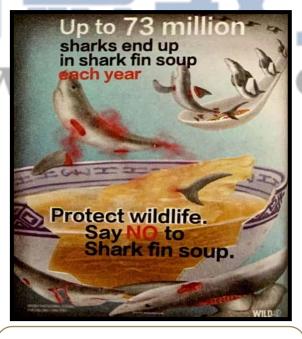
## However, how do you feel when you see these pictures?



illegal hunting



wildlife species loss



sharks end up in shark fin soup

Our planet's wildlife is dying out at an alarming rate. Between 150 and 200 species are becoming extinct every day. This mass extinction is caused by hunting, habitat loss, and pollution. We must make people aware of the problem and help protect the endangered wildlife before it's too late.



Predict & Skim

## What will the text mainly talk about?







### A DAY IN THE CLOUDS

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Tibetan antelopes live on the plains of Tibet, Xinjiang, and Qinghai. Watching them move slowly across the green grass, I'm struck by their **beauty**. I'm also **reminded** of the danger they are in. They are being hunted, illegally, for their valuable fur.

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The 1980s and 1990s were bad times for the Tibetan antelope. The population dropped by more than 50 percent. Hunters were **shooting** antelopes to make **profits**. Their habitats were becoming smaller as new roads and railways were built.

In order to save this species from extinction, the Chinese government placed it under national protection. Zhaxi and other volunteers watched over the antelopes day and night to keep them safe from **attacks**. Bridges and gates were added to let the antelopes move easily and keep them safe from cars and trains.

The measures were effective. The antelope population has **recovered** and in June 2015, the Tibetan antelope was **removed** from the endangered species list. The government, however, does not **intend** to stop the protection programmes, since the **threats** to the Tibetan antelope have not yet disappeared.

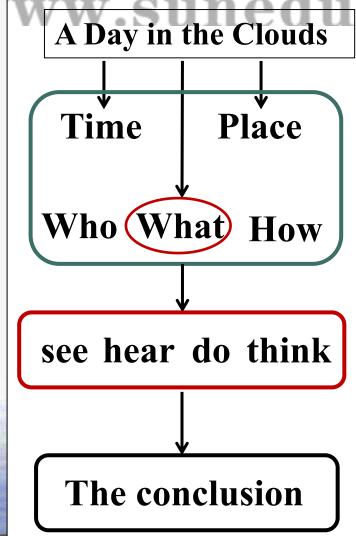
In the evening, I drink a cup of tea and watch the stars. I think about the antelopes and what Zhaxi told me. Much is being done to protect wildlife, but if we really want to save the planet, we must change our way of life. Only when we learn to **exist** in **harmony** with nature can we stop being a threat to wildlife and to our planet.



What is the animal?
What is the meaning of the title?

Journal

(日志)





Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Read the passage, get the main ideas & match them

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His guide thinks that the land is sacred and protecting the wildlife is a way of life.

Bad times for the Tibetan antelope.

Human beings must change the way of life in order to save the planet.

The Chinese government and volunteers took effective measures to protect the Tibetan antelope.

The effective measures have helped the population of Tibetan antelopes recover.

The writer visited Changtang in order to observe Tibetan antelopes.





Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Focus on the key words and divide the parts

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Tibetan antelopes are in danger.

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## Pa Part One: Introduction

Paragraph 2: The present problem

Paragraph 3 A protector

Part Two: Body part

Paragraph 5 Protective measures

Paragraph 6 Effect

Part Three: Conclusion





**Predict** & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Part One: Introduction: What can you see in the video?



What other things does the author see and feel in paragraph One?



snow-covered mountains disappear into clouds

literal meaning

The air is thin and we have to rest...

The altitude there is very high and there is a little implied meaning

a herd of graceful animals

the mountains

the blue sky & the clouds

the plain

the grass



Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Part Two: Body part(Para2-3) The present situation

## The present situation: Make a profile(简历) for the animals

The profile		I
The name	Tibetan antelopes	
Habitats	On the plain of Tibet, Xinjiang, and Qinghai	
Appearance	Graceful, beautiful	
Situaton	They are in danger.  They are being hunted, illegally, for their valuable fur.	

I am struck by their beauty.

I am deeply impressed by their beauty.

I am also reminded of the danger they are in.

I am also aware of the danger they are in.







## **Concerned Worried**



Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Part Two: Body part(Para2-3) The present situation

The present situation

What does Zhaxi do?

What is Zhaxi's attitude towards protecting wildlife?

Zhaxi works at the Changtang National Nature Reserve which is a shelter for the animals and plants of northwestern Tibet.

The land is sacred and protecting the wildlife is a way of life.

literal meaning

We are not trying to save the animal. Actually, we're trying to save ourselves.

Wildlife is important to the planet we are living on.

Whether the wildlife exists affects our life.

implied meaning

We should protect the animals to keep the balance of the ecosystem.

Humankind should live in harmony with the wildlife.

Respectful Relieved





Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Part Three: Conclusion & reflection

Writer's reflection

What can we do to stop being a thread to wildlife?

We must change our way of life and learn to exist in harmony with nature.

Your reflection

Positive Responsible

We are expected to have a greener lifestyle to reduce pollution.

We are supposed to stop buying goods made from endangered animals.

We need to realise that we are part of nature and can not separate from it.

We should take our responsibilities to protect the wildlife and keep a balance between human beings and wildlife animals.

One can measure the greatness and the moral progress of a nation by looking at how it treats its animals. ——Mahatma Gandhi



Predict & Skim

Read & Comprehend

Think further

Prince William, David Beckham and Yao Ming are expressing their wishes as fathers. Watch this piece of video and get the answer.



When the buying stops, the killing can too. --- WildAid

We all have a responsibility to protect endangered species, both for their sake and for the sake of our own future generations.

-----Loretta Lynch

It's a very rare opportunity in history for us to get second chances to save an endangered species.

# Thank you!

