

## Tiger kills zookeeper at British zoo

### Elementary

#### 1 Warmer

How many of these animals are there in the wild? Match the animals with the numbers.

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. tigers            | a. 1,800           |
| 2. African elephants | b. 300,000         |
| 3. giant pandas      | c. 5,100           |
| 4. black rhinos      | d. 3,200           |
| 5. wolves            | e. 450,000–700,000 |

#### 2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

the wild

endangered species

enclosure

investigate

hectare

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a type of animal that may soon disappear from the world. (para 1)
2. If animals live in \_\_\_\_\_, they live in their natural environment, not in zoos. (para 1)
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ is an area with a wall or fence around it. (para 2)
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a unit for measuring an area of land, the same as 10,000 square metres. (para 2)
5. If the police \_\_\_\_\_ something, they ask questions to try to find the truth about it. (para 4)

#### 3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. How many tigers live in zoos in the USA?
2. When did Hamerton Zoo Park first open?
3. When did the terrible accident happen?
4. How long had Rosa King worked at the zoo?
5. Which is the oldest zoo in the UK?
6. Where is the oldest zoo in the world?

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- 1 Tigers are an endangered species. There are about 3,200 tigers still living in the wild in countries around the world, mainly in India. Many more tigers live in zoos. For example, there are 5,000 tigers in zoos in the USA.
- 2 Hamerton Zoo Park near Cambridge, UK, first opened in 1990. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have visited the zoo to see the many different animals that live there. The animals live in large areas called enclosures. The zoo is quite small, just six hectares in area, but more than 100 species of animals live in the zoo.
- 3 In May, 2017, there was a terrible accident at the zoo. Rosa King, aged 34, was working in one of the enclosures. She didn't realize that there was also a tiger in the enclosure. The tiger attacked her and, sadly, Rosa died. She had worked as a keeper at the zoo for 14 years and loved her job. She especially enjoyed working with the zoo's Malaysian and Bengali tigers.
- 4 No one knows exactly what happened or how the tiger entered the enclosure. The police are investigating the accident and, at the moment, the zoo is closed.
- 5 Accidents like this do not happen very often but another young zookeeper died at a zoo in the north-west of England in 2014. 24-year-old Sarah McClay was also killed by a tiger that entered the enclosure where she was working.
- 6 There are a lot of zoos in the UK. Hamerton Zoo Park is one of the newest. The oldest zoo in the UK is London Zoo, which opened in 1828 and is the oldest scientific zoo in the world. But it is not the oldest zoo in the world. The oldest zoo is the Vienna Zoo in Austria, which opened in 1752. The second oldest is the Madrid Zoo Aquarium in Spain – it opened in 1770.

### 4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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|---|--|
| 1. Rosa King was working in an enclosure when ...     | a. ... one of the newest zoos in the UK.       |
| 2. Rosa especially enjoyed ...                        | b. ... than tigers in the wild.                |
| 3. Accidents like this ...                            | c. ... a tiger entered the same enclosure.     |
| 4. Hamerton Zoo Park is ...                           | d. ... the oldest scientific zoo in the world. |
| 5. London Zoo is ...                                  | e. ... working with the tigers at the zoo.     |
| 6. There are more tigers in zoos around the world ... | f. ... do not happen very often.               |

### 5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. people of thousands hundreds of
2. called areas enclosures large
3. zoo a accident at the terrible
4. the north- in of west England
5. newest the of one
6. the world in oldest zoo the

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#### 6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. endangered | a. oldest   |
| 2. second     | b. accident |
| 3. Bengali    | c. species  |
| 4. terrible   | d. tiger    |

#### 7 Word-building

Complete the table using words from the text.

	noun	adjective
1.	science	
2.	danger	
	verb	noun
3.	keep	(person)
4.	enclose	

#### 8 Discussion

- Should animals live in zoos? Why? Why not?
- Would you like to work as a zookeeper? Why? Why not?

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#### KEY

##### 1 Warmer

1. d
2. e
3. a
4. c
5. b

##### 2 Key words

1. endangered species
2. the wild
3. enclosure
4. hectare
5. investigate

##### 3 Find the information

1. 5,000
2. 1990
3. in May, 2017
4. 14 years
5. London Zoo
6. Vienna, Austria

##### 4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. e
3. f
4. a
5. d
6. b

##### 5 Chunks

1. hundreds of thousands of people
2. large areas called enclosures
3. a terrible accident at the zoo
4. in the north-west of England
5. one of the newest
6. the oldest zoo in the world

##### 6 Two-word phrases

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b

##### 7 Word-building

1. scientific
2. endangered
3. keeper
4. enclosure