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## OPERATION WILDLIFE VOCABULARY EXERCISE #1 **ANSWERS**

Match the words in the word box with the definitions below:

Climate Change	Conservation	
Habitat		
Endangered Species Act	Extinct	Competitors
Endangered Species	Habitat Loss	Endemic

**Endangered Species:** Animal or plant species whose numbers have declined so much that it is in danger of dying out.

**Extinct:** Animal or plant species never to be seen again because there are none living; they have vanished from the Earth, perhaps for forever.

**Endemic:** Belonging exclusively to a particular type of people or locality; found only in one place.

**Competitors:** Animals that compete with native species for food, space and water; may bring diseases for which the native species has no resistance.

**Endangered Species Act:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has officially designated over 1,600 species in danger of extinction, beginning in 1973.

**Habitat:** A place where a group of living organisms live in the same area at the same time, interacting together.

**Climate Change:** Significant weather variations (heat wave, increased amount of rain or number of tornados and hurricanes, long-term drought, excessive cold and snow) brought about by the progressive, gradual rise of the Earth's surface temperature and/or the trapping of the Earth's heat as a result of more carbon dioxide and other gasses in the air from the burning of coal, oil and gas.

**Conservation:** The attempt to preserve and protect wild animals and plants from extinction; saving a resource.

**Habitat Loss:** The destruction of the animals' and plants' homes to make way for the needs of people.

