



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Picture

Look at the picture of a Bengal tiger.



What do you know about the Bengal tigers? Work with a partner and answer the questions below.

1. How big are these tigers?
2. Where do they live?
3. What do they eat?
4. Are they **endangered** animals? If yes, why?

Glossary: **endangered** - there may be no tigers in the world in the future, animals that are in danger of completely dying out

B: Reading

Now read a paragraph about the Bengal tiger and check your answers for **Pre-Reading A: Picture**.

Bengal Tiger

The Bengal tiger is found in jungles and rainforests and is the biggest member of the cat family. The Bengal tiger lives in the rain forests and jungles in China, Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Mongolia, Myanmar and Nepal. It can weigh up to 200 kilograms (440 pounds) and grow to three meters (9.85 feet) in length. The Bengal tiger eats water buffalo, goat, tapir, deer and wild pigs. It is an endangered animal. People are now living in places where the tigers have always lived. There is a lot of poaching and parts of the Bengal tiger's body are used for medicine in some countries. Trees are cut down where the tigers live.

C: Vocabulary

kill, hate, victim, rare, ban, blame, poaching

1. when people catch or kill fish, bird or animals illegally (i.e. they are not allowed to do this)
2. to make something or someone die
3. opposite of love
4. when there are not many of one thing
5. to stop someone from doing something
6. a person or animal that has been hurt or killed by someone or something else
7. to say that something or someone has made something bad happen



Reading Activities

A: Prediction

Below is the first sentence of today's article. Read it and then answer the question in pairs.

"The number of people killed by tigers in Bangladesh has risen this year."

Why do you think more people have been killed by tigers this year (2002)?

Share your ideas with the class.

B: Finding the Main Idea

Read today's article quickly and answer the questions. **Do not** use your dictionary.

1. Why have more people been killed by tigers this year?
2. Are there more or fewer tigers now compared with the 1990s?

Tiger Deaths Rise in Bangladesh

DHAKA Tuesday April 2 (Reuters) - The number of people killed by tigers in Bangladesh has risen this year. So far Bangladesh's Royal Bengal tigers have killed 22 people but they killed 24 people in 2001, the official BSS news agency reported.

Wildlife officials blame poaching for the high numbers of people killed. It appears that poaching teaches the big cats to hate humans. Poaching has halved the number of rare Royal Bengal tigers in Bangladesh in the past few years. In the early 1990s there were an estimated 600 Royal Bengals but now

there are around 300 even though there is a ban on killing tigers.

The victims were mostly fishermen and honey collectors. Last year 24 Bangladeshis were killed by Royal Bengal tigers which live in the Sundarban forest along the Bay of Bengal coast. The number of people killed in the forest over the past ten years is around 240.

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Glossary: wildlife officials - people from governments or organizations who work and study animals in the wild

C: Questions

Read the article again and answer the questions below.

1. How many people were killed by Bengal tigers in 2001?
2. How many people have been killed by Bengal tigers in 2002?
3. What do wildlife officials blame? Why?
4. How many Bengal tigers were there in the early 1990s?
5. How many Bengal tigers are there now?
6. Is there a ban on killing tigers?
7. How many people have been killed by tigers over the past ten years?

D: Gap Fill

Below is today's article with gaps in it. Fill in the gaps with the words below. Don't look back at the article!

victims, killed, killed, blame, poaching, poaching, hate, rare, ban, killed

DHAKA Tuesday April 2 (Reuters) - The number of people (1) _____ by tigers in Bangladesh has risen this year. So far Bangladesh's Royal Bengal tigers have (2) _____ 22 people, but they (3) _____ 24 people in 2001 the official BSS news agency reported.

Wildlife officials (4) _____ poaching for the high numbers of people killed. It appears that (5) _____ teaches the big cats to (6) _____ humans. (7) _____ has halved the number of (8) _____ Royal Bengal tigers in Bangladesh in the past few years. In the early 1990s there were an estimated 600 Royal Bengals but

now there are around 300 even though there is a (9) _____ on killing tigers.

The (10) _____ were mostly fishermen and honey collectors. Last year 24 Bangladeshis were killed by Royal Bengal tigers which live in the Sundarban forest along the Bay of Bengal coast. The number of people killed in the forest over the past ten years is around 240.

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Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

In today's article there are these words.

"So far Bangladesh's Royal Bengal tigers **have killed** 22 people but they **killed** 24 people in 2001..."

have killed - is the present perfect simple tense

killed - is the past simple tense

- How do we know when to use past simple and when to use present perfect simple?
- Find examples of both tenses in today's article and talk about why they are used.

Look at the sentences below and put the verb in brackets into the past simple or the present perfect simple.

- I _____ (*write*) half of my essay.
- I _____ (*write*) my essay last night.
- I _____ (*study*) French for 5 years and I still go to classes!
- I _____ (*study*) French 5 years ago and I can't remember anything!
- I _____ (*do*) most of today's crossword - it's very hard.
- I _____ (*do*) the crossword yesterday - it was easy.

B: Discussion

Work in groups and discuss the questions below.

- What are some ways of stopping poaching?
- What other animals are endangered? Why are they endangered?
- Are there any endangered animals in your country?
- Why is it important to help animals like the Bengal tiger?

C: Word Find

Look for some words from today's article in the **Word Find** puzzle.

P	H	A	T	E	G	N	O
B	O	F	U	Y	A	F	M
L	E	A	J	B	F	A	R
A	R	B	C	I	N	D	E
M	A	F	C	H	M	Q	G
E	R	I	P	G	I	K	I
J	A	L	L	I	K	N	T
L	V	I	C	T	I	M	G

TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Picture - Notes

This is a prediction type exercise, so don't indicate if the students are right or wrong, as they will check their answers in the next activity. If the students are reluctant to work in pairs or small groups, do this activity as a class discussion.

B: Reading - Notes

Allow the students enough time to read the paragraph. You may wish to read the article aloud while they read along with you.

B: Reading - Answers

(To questions in Pre-Reading Activity A)

1. They grow up to 3 meters in length and weigh up to 200 kilograms.
2. China, Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Mongolia, Myanmar, India and Nepal
3. deer, water buffalo, goat, tapir, wild pigs
4. Yes, because of poaching, the cutting down of trees where the tigers live and the use of their body parts for medicine. People are living in the areas where the tigers have their homes.

C: Vocabulary - Answers

1. poaching
2. kill
3. hate
4. rare
5. ban
6. victim
7. blame

Reading Activities

A: Prediction - Notes

You may want to do this as a class discussion.

A: Prediction - Answers

Accept a variety of answers but do not indicate which one is correct. Students will find out the answer as they read the complete article.

B: Finding the Main Idea - Answers

1. Because poaching teaches tigers to hate humans.
2. The number of tigers is going down.

C: Questions - Answers

1. 24
2. 22
3. Wildlife officials blame poaching which teaches big cats to hate humans.
4. About 600
5. About 300
6. Yes
7. 240 people

D: Gap Fill - Answers

1. killed
2. killed
3. killed
4. blame
5. poaching
6. hate
7. poaching
8. rare
9. ban
10. victims

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

a. We use the **past simple** to express a completed action in the past. The **present perfect** is used to express an action that has happened in the past and continues to the present. (It can also be used to talk about an action in the past that describes an experience in someone's life.)

1. have written
2. wrote
3. have studied
4. studied
5. have done
6. did

B: Discussion - Notes

Here is a web site with links to more information on Bengal tigers:

<http://www.projectlinks.org/bengal/>

C: Word Find - Notes

You may like to give students this list of words to work from:

tiger poaching kill hate rare ban victim blame official

C: Word Find - Answers

