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Name: _____ Class: 602/603/604 Number: _____ Level: A1/A2

Objective: Write a body paragraph explaining why an endangered animal is at risk, what causes its population to decline, and approximately how many remain.

How to Write This Body Paragraph

- 1. Begin with a topic sentence introducing why the animal is endangered.
- 2. Explain the main causes (habitat loss, pollution, climate change, hunting, illegal wildlife trade, or overfishing).
- 3. Include a fact about the animal's estimated population if available.
- 4. Explain why a small population is a problem.
- 5. End with a concluding sentence that emphasizes the need for protection.

Useful Academic Vocabulary

population • habitat loss • deforestation • pollution • climate change • poaching • illegal wildlife trade • conservation • extinction • vulnerable • endangered • estimate • decline

Example Body Paragraph

Many endangered animals are disappearing because of human activities. For example, orangutans lose their homes when forests are cut down for farming and development. Illegal hunting and climate change also make it harder for many species to survive. Scientists estimate that only a limited number of some endangered animals remain in the wild, making every individual important for the future of the species. Protecting these animals now is essential to prevent them from becoming extinct.

Planning Organizer

Animal	
Main Causes of Endangerment	
Estimated Number Left	
Why the Population Is Declining	
Evidence or Facts	
Complete Body Paragraph	

Writing Checklist

- ☐ I wrote a clear topic sentence.
- ☐ I explained at least two causes of endangerment.
- ☐ I included a population estimate or fact.
- ☐ I explained why the population is decreasing.
- ☐ I ended with a strong concluding sentence.
- ☐ I checked my spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Directions: Write a 300 – 400-word paragraph about why this animal is endangered.