Carmel Leung Sing Tak School
2008-2009 Project Learning
Primary 5
Theme:
Protect the Endangered Animals

Class: ___________ (   )
Name:________________
Grade:________________
(A) Read your English textbook P.10 & 11. Then answer the following questions with short answers.

1. How many Chinese White Dolphins are there in the sea between Hong Kong and Macau?

2. Where do dolphins swim to when they want to breathe?

3. How long do dolphins live?

4. What do dolphins like doing?

5. Why are there fewer Chinese White Dolphins today?
(B) First of all, please watch the video by clicking the following website:

http://hk.youtube.com/watch?v=qyf6LdVczqY&NR=1

There are a lot of local tours in Hong Kong. People join them for watching the Chinese White Dolphins. They take boats to go to the sea and keep close contact with the White Dolphins.

What do you think of this situation? Do you agree with the people who join the local tours? Try to write down what you think

I  agree / do not agree  with them because......

1.

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

2.

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

3.

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

water pollution  plastic bags   rubbish   boat

oil  frightened   engine   noise   hurt   die   breathe

P. 2
(C) Mammals: Giant Panda

Read aloud the chant.

Panda, panda, black and white
But they seldom play at night
Roads and flats that people built
Use the pandas' land so quick
No food, no home, no pandas
We won't see them forever
Shall we save them together?

Fill in words to make your own funny chant.

Panda, panda, black and white
But they seldom ______________ at night
________________ and ___________ that people ______________
Use the pandas' ______________ so quick
No ______________, no ______________, no pandas
We won't see them forever
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Mammals: Giant Panda

(D) Think about which of the following statements are correct? Put a ✓ in the (   ) for the correct statement and a × for the wrong one.

An extract from internet – Facts of Giant Pandas

Today, the birth rate of pandas is decreasing. It is only around 1600 giant pandas living on Earth. Bamboo is the most important plant in a giant panda’s life. Pandas live in cold and rainy bamboo forest high in the mountains of western China. They spend at least 12 hours each day eating bamboo and they can eat as much as 84 pounds of bamboo each day. Pandas also eat grasses, fruits, insects and carrots.

Pandas communicate with each other by making sound. They can climb and take shelter in hollow trees. They don’t have a long sleep during the winter. Pandas are similar to other subtropical mammals. They will move to warmer area.

Adapted from: http://sandiegozoo.org/animalbytes/t-giant_panda.html

1. Today, there are a large number of pandas living on Earth.   (    )

2. Pandas eat less than 84 pounds of bamboo each day.   (    )

3. Pandas are similar to people, they like eating meat and vegetables. (    )

4. Pandas have a long sleep during the winter.   (    )
(E) Something more about turtles

Let’s surf the net for more information:  
http://www.abc.net.au/schoolstv/animals/TURTLES.htm

Turtles are reptiles.

Turtle live in the water and have flippers for swimming.  

Turtles can swim as fast as humans and can run on land. They move their front  
flippers through the water like birds use their wings. Their rear flippers do the  
steering.

Turtles hatch from eggs.

The females (mother turtles) lay their eggs on land. They dig a hole in the ground,  
lay the eggs in the hole and then cover them with soil. The mothers then go away.  
The sun’s warmth hatches the eggs. Female turtles hatch from the warmer eggs  
on top, males from the deepest and coolest eggs in the next. When they are about  
40 years old they will come back to the same beach to mate and lay their eggs.  

Some turtles can live to be over 100 years old.

How much do you know about the Fresh Water Turtle? Please write two  
sentences about Fresh Water Turtle.

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sentences about Fresh Water Turtle.
(F) Threats to Freshwater Turtles

Freshwater turtles are favourite pets while they are widely consumed for food purpose. Their bodies are also common in making Chinese medicine. Habitat destruction and trade have threatened freshwater turtles too.

How are you affected?

A license must be obtained for the import and export of endangered freshwater turtles, including your pets. They have to go to the surface to breathe so if they get caught in underwater fishing nets they will drown.

How can you know more about endangered species?

Visit the Endangered Species Resource Centre at Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) headquarters.

Visit our website at www.cites.org.hk

Obtain educational materials from AFCD.

Never buy Endangered freshwater turtles or their products from dubious source as it will not only encourage illegal trade but may also lead you to prosecution!

Do you understand the above passage? Put a ✓ in the ( ) if the statement is correct and put a ✗ if it is incorrect.

1. People do not like eating freshwater turtles.
2. Freshwater turtle are used for making Chinese medicine.
3. The living places for freshwater turtles become less and less.
4. It is not against the law, if you buy endangered freshwater turtles.

Answers:  1. (    )  2. (   )  3. (    )  4. (    )
(G) Do you still remember the threats to some of the endangered animals you have learned? Put the correct letters in the (   ).

A. Chinese White Dolphins  B. Pandas  
C. Fresh water turtles

1. (  )
* People kill us for money.
* People destroy the woods.
* People do not prevent the bamboo from dying off.

2. (  )
* People seize our eggs.
* People dump the rubbish into the sea.
* People spill the oil in the sea.
* People do not protect us from trapping in fishing and shrimp nets.

3. (  )
* People discharge the dirty water into the sea.
* People do not protect us from the busy boat traffic.
* People dump the rubbish into the sea.
* People carry out the reclamation project.
(H) Work in groups. Choose a kind of endangered animal and discuss how to protect them. Brainstorm your ideas in the boxes and write them tidily on the lines below.

1. We should / should not ____________________________________________________.
2. _____________________________________________________________________.
3. _____________________________________________________________________.
4. _____________________________________________________________________.
5. _____________________________________________________________________.
6. _____________________________________________________________________.
7. _____________________________________________________________________.
(I) Interview techniques
Suggested expressions to be used in an interview
(You can add any other expressions yourselves as you like.)

1. Greeting
   - Hello.
   - Good morning / Good afternoon.

2. Introducing yourself
   - We are P.5 students from Carmel Leung Sing Tak School.

3. Explaining your intentions
   - We are doing a school project about how to protect the endangered animals.

4. Asking for permission
   - Could you spare a few minutes for an interview?
     - (If the interviewee says ‘Yes’) Thank you.
     - (If the interviewee says ‘No’) That’s all right. Have a nice day!

5. Starting to do the questionnaire
   - For the questions, please refer to the project.

6. Ending
   - Thank you very much! Here’s a souvenir / gift for you.

Do you know how to protect the ___________?
Please answer the following questions

1. Do you think we should __________________________?
   Yes / No

2. Do you think ________________________________?
   Yes / No

3. Do you think ________________________________?
   Yes / No

4. Do you think ________________________________?
   Yes / No

5. Do you have any other suggestions? (Please write here.)

Asking for repetition
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~~ I beg your pardon?
~~ Can you say it again, please?
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P.9
(J) Imagine that you are an endangered animal. Write your wish about what you want people to treat you in not less than 60 words. After that let your classmate check all the grammatical or spelling mistakes for you and ask him or her to give you comment on your writing.

My Wishes

I am a _______________________________________.

I am an endangered animal. I wish people should treat me better.

They should _______________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

If people treat me these ways, ________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

Your classmate’s signature

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N.B. Marking Symbols :   for grammatical mistakes

_____  for spelling mistakes
### Appendix

#### What problems are the endangered animals facing?

Put a “✔” in front of the correct sentences.

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<td>People kill and sell them for money.</td>
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<td>People pour dirty water into the sea and river.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>People eat the meat and use them for medicine</td>
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<td>People use the land for farming, roads and buildings.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Too many people go out to sea and visit the animals.</td>
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<td>People cut down a lot of trees for wood and paper.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>People throw a lot of rubbish.</td>
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<td>People catch a lot of fish.</td>
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<td>There are too many ships in the sea.</td>
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<td>People take away the eggs.</td>
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<td>The fishing net traps and hurts them.</td>
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References:

Suggested websites:

1. Dolphins Chase (Poem on Chinese White Dolphins)

2. WWF Hong Kong

3. Saving Dolphins on the Web
   http://www.hkdolphinswatch.com/hp_e/save_e.html

4. Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society
   http://www.hkdcs.org/index_en.htm

5. WWF Hong Kong, pandas
   http://www.worldwidewildlife.org/pandas/

Websites related to different endangered animals

Fresh Water Turtle:
http://www.abc.net.au/schoolstv/animals/TURTLES.htm

Panda:
http://kids.yahoo.com/animals/mammals/9797--Giant+Panda
http://www.sandiegozoo.org/pandacam/help.html

Dolphin
http://kids.yahoo.com/animals/mammals/4020--Bottle-nosed+Dolphin
http://kids.yahoo.com/animals/msammals/4016--Pacific+White-sided+Dolphin
http://kids.yahoo.com/animals/mammals/4055--Saddle-backed+Dolphin

My reading record: (at least 3 websites)

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