Unit 3: "The Natural World"

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1) Read this text
Lee este texto

From endanger to extinct

Hello to you all! My name is Maura Lopez. I am a zoologist and I work to preserve and save endangered species. Endanger species are animals which are disappearing from our planet, because of the changes in climate, hunting, or poaching, and the destruction of their habitat. Do you know that one of the last male white rhino has just died? Here are some estimates for some very emblematic animals that are left:
- 700 mountain gorillas
- 2,000 giant pandas
- Between 2,000 and 3,000 Bengal tigers
- Between 7,000 and 10,000 cheetahs
- About 130 condors
- Less than 50 Amur leopards
- Between 4,000 and 6,600 snow leopards
- About 7,000 orang-utans

Many species are nearly extinct in the wild and can only be seen in zoos! With the ice disappearing at the poles, polar bears are threatened. Elephants are killed for the ivory of their tusks, their meat or body parts, rhinos are killed just for their horns as well, which are reduced to powder and supposed to have medical power. Big cats are killed for their fur, or hunted in safaris for fun! The destruction of big forests leads to the death of many species of animals and plants. So it is our responsibility and yours as well, you young generations to do our best to preserve the biodiversity of our planet!

2) Answer the following questions.
Responde las siguientes preguntas.

a. What's the document?

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b. Who is speaking? What's her job?

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c. What is it about?

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d. What are the factors which explain that phenomenon?

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e. What are the most endangered animals?

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f. Why are Polar bears in danger?

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g. Why are elephants killed?

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h. Why are rhinos killed?

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3) Translate these words in Spanish.
Traduce estas palabras al español.

Endangered: _____

Climate: _____

Hunting: _____

Ivory: _____

Fur: _____

Poaching: _____

Preserve: _____

Species: _____

Threatened: _____

4) Think of what can be done to protect animals. Make three suggestions.

Piensa en qué se puede hacer para proteger a los animales. Haz tres sugerencias.

I) _____

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II) _____

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III) _____

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