

## Species in Danger Answer Key

### Sample Answers:

1. Endangered means the species is at risk of extinction, with very low population numbers.
2. Hawksbill Turtle (fewer than 25,000).
3. Poaching for ivory.
4. Protecting endangered species is important because each animal is part of its ecosystem, and losing them disrupts the balance of nature. The chart shows that animals like pandas, elephants, turtles, and snow leopards all face serious threats.
5. African Elephant (ivory) and Hawksbill Turtle (shells).

### Teacher Guide:

- This activity develops **data interpretation skills** by combining information from a text and a chart.
- Remind students that charts often present specific details (numbers, threats) that the text summarizes more generally.
- Encourage critical thinking: Ask students which species they think might need the most urgent protection and why.
- Extension idea: Students create their own mini-chart of a local or favorite animal species, including region, population, and threats.