

Unit 3 Reading Worksheet 1

Name _____

1 Read the title, look at the photos and tick (✓) the words you might find in the article.

beautiful ☐

dangerous ☐

endangered ☐

environment ☐

help ☐

hunt ☐

protecting ☐

species ☐

strange ☐



Wildlife Awareness

Part of protecting the environment is learning how to live in harmony with other species. One way of achieving this harmony with wildlife is simple: don't **mess with** it. If we don't know how to react to animals in the wild, we may, not only be at risk, but we can also become a danger for these animals.

In May 2016, a father and son found a baby bison in Yellowstone National Park in the U.S. They thought it was cold and that it needed help, so they

put the bison calf in their van and took it to a **ranger** station. Because of this apparently **noble** action, the mother of the little bison did not recognise it anymore and its herd abandoned it. The good intentions of the humans resulted in the calf's death.

In Iceland, tourists who love birds try to get close to puffins (beautiful little birds with colourful beaks) mostly to take pictures. Doing this is harmful to puffins because they need a safe, quiet place to **breed**. Also, people scare the parents away from feeding their chicks. If you consider that puffins lay just one egg a year, you will understand that the species needs to be left alone.

People's curiosity and love for animals is natural and can be positive: interest in certain species increases interest in their protection. More help and resources are available when this happens. However, human intervention

also creates opportunities to affect ecosystems with terrible consequences.

The best thing to do is—even in parks and zoos—is to show respect by giving animals their own space. We should let them exist without interfering. Feeding them or **petting** them is also interfering. If we notice something wrong, we should contact experts that know what to do to help a wild animal in distress.



2 Read again and match the sentence halves.

1. Wild animals are usually better

2. Getting close to wild animals can

3. The bison calf in the park

4. The bison mother didn't want it

5. If people get too close to puffins,

6. People's attention to wild animals

7. If you see a wild animal suffering,

a. be dangerous for us or for the animal!

b. they don't feed their chicks.

c. get a professional to help.

d. can help to protect them.

e. did not need help.

f. because humans interfered with it.

g. without human intervention.

Glossary.....

mess with: to interfere with

ranger: warden or guard at a park

noble: good, with personal sacrifice

breed: to reproduce

petting: stroking animals in a loving way



3 Stop and Think! What other mistakes do people make with wild animals?