

Chapter 13

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STUDY GUIDE

● Present-Day Rapid Extinctions

Read each statement, and then answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Throughout Earth's history species have become extinct. What causes extinction?

2. The activities of humans living about 10 000 years ago may have caused some extinctions. How do present-day humans affect animal species? _____

3. How might economic development in a city or suburb affect the habitat of birds that are in the area? _____

4. Tropical rain forests contain 50 to 80 percent of Earth's species. What has been done to threaten these species? _____

5. Organisms need a place to live, grow, and interact with each other and their environment. What is such a place called? _____
6. Habitats are being destroyed in many places. What may happen to the organisms that live in these habitats? _____
7. Some species that still exist are endangered. What does *endangered* mean? _____

8. Some people want to save habitats by restricting construction and planning projects so habitats are disturbed as little as possible. What are these people trying to slow down? _____

9. Some medicines and other products come from various organisms. Why might this be a reason to try to save organisms? _____
