



## 4 Animals in danger

### Reading

#### Noah's Space Ark

##### Scene 1 In Noah's garden

Narrator : Welcome to the Earth. It is the year 2099. This planet has become a terrible place to live because people have polluted it. There isn't enough good land or clean water. One man – Noah – has a plan.

*Enter Noah and his wife.*

Noah's wife: Tell me again about your plan, Noah.

Noah : *(patiently)* All the people and animals will die unless we get away from the Earth. I've built this space ark. I'm going to take a pair of every type of animal to another planet.

Noah's wife: Two of every type of animal?

Noah : That's right.

Noah's wife: But this space ark is not big enough.

Noah : Not big enough? That means some animals must stay here. I'll go to the zoo and tell them.

*Exit Noah.*

##### Scene 2 At the zoo

Narrator : Noah has just told the animals. They are all going crazy.



- Tiger : *(angrily)* I can't survive here. I'm already endangered. I'll become extinct unless I go in the space ark.
- Bear : Why are you endangered?
- Tiger : People hunt tigers. They wear our fur and use us in medicines.
- Bear : It's the same for us bears. People also use us in medicines. We'll soon be extinct unless people stop hunting us.
- Panda : *(sadly)* I'm endangered too. People destroy our bamboo forests. Therefore there isn't enough food for us and we die.
- Turtle : Don't forget turtles! We must get on the space ark. People use turtle shells to make jewellery and they eat our meat. There'll be no turtles left unless people stop killing us.
- Tiger : Are we all endangered?
- Bear : Not all of us. *(pointing slowly at Noah)*
- Noah : It's my space ark. I made it!
- Turtle : And you think this is your Earth. You made the Earth into a terrible place.
- Tiger : Turtle is right. People are destroying this planet. They'll destroy our new planet unless we stop them.
- Bear : Therefore we must leave the people here.
- Noah : *(loudly)* No!
- Narrator : What will happen next? You decide.



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## Post-reading

**Write the answers and blacken ● the circles.**

1 Why does Noah build a space ark?

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2 Where do the animals live now?

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3 How do the animals feel at the beginning of Scene 2?

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4 Find a word that means 'continue to live'.

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5 Why is the Earth a terrible place to live? (You can choose more than one answer.)

- A. There are too many people.       B. The land is polluted.  
 C. A lot of water is dirty.       D. The animals are crazy.

6 What do the animals want to do at the end of Scene 2?

- A. destroy the Earth  
 B. destroy the new planet  
 C. destroy the people  
 D. get on the space ark without the people

7 Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. The play takes place in the future.  
 B. Noah cannot take all the animals on the space ark.  
 C. All the animals want to get on the space ark.  
 D. Noah and his wife come up with a plan together.