

# EXPLORE AND PROTECT THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES



"All the members of this endless universe are linked one to another." —Bahá'í Writings

## EARTH-SAVING TIP

### No snack attacks

Human food isn't healthy for wildlife. Animals that get used to our food may be aggressive toward humans, endangering them *and* us. Don't feed wild animals or leave pet food outdoors.

## WOW, REALLY?

Worldwide, livestock (mostly cows and pigs) makes up 60% of all mammals. Humans are 36%, and wild animals are only 4%.



## OUR CONNECTIONS



What if you headed home from school and found your path completely blocked? That's what it's like for animals who once roamed vast open land.

Buildings and highways break up their habitat and isolate them from food, water, shelter, and their breeding grounds. They also prevent animals from moving to adapt to climate change. To help, wildlife corridors are being built—strips of protected nature, underground tunnels, or land bridges that offer safe pathways for animals.

## PROTECTING OUR PLANET

**Jamie Rappaport Clark**, a wildlife biologist in Washington D.C., is an expert on endangered species. She heads Defenders of Wildlife, a conservation organization that helps at-risk species in North America. She says, "Our kids and our grandkids deserve a healthy planet with healthy natural resources—that's the legacy each generation leaves to the next."



## WHERE IN THE WORLD?



There are over 50 national parks in the U.S., with more than 330 million visitors a year. Yosemite National Park, established in 1890, was once full of glaciers. It now has over 15 waterfalls, including Bridalveil Fall with its 620-foot (189 m) drop.

*Unscramble the letters to find its location:*

N I C A O R A L I F

## AMAZING ANIMALS



These are Earth's largest land animals, weighing about 220 pounds (100 kg) at birth! Very large ears distinguish them from others of their kind. Herds of mothers and daughters stay together for life. *Fill in the blanks to find their name:*

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