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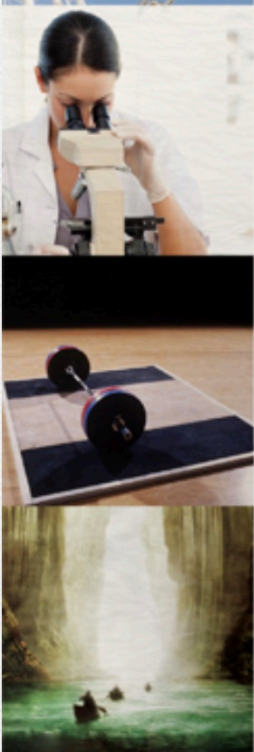
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Lesson 1

Lions Around the World



1. Pre-Reading

A Discussion

1. Look at the picture above and discuss.

- What do the colored lions show?
- What do the gray lions show?

2. Which do you think is true? Compare and discuss your answers.

- At the present time, lions live only in Africa.
- At one time, lions lived all around the world.
- Lions are endangered animals.

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B Key Vocabulary

Look for the words in bold type in the passage on the opposite page. Write each word next to its definition using the *base form* of the word.

- _____ does not exist now
- _____ a part of a country or the world
- _____ an animal that drinks its mother's milk when it's young
- _____ a person who thinks about the world
- _____ and also
- _____ what is left when part of something is taken away
- _____ 100 years
- _____ guns

Track 01

Lions Around the World

Most people think that lions live in Africa, so it may surprise you to learn that lions live in India too. In fact, until 10,000 years ago, lions lived all around the world. They were found in most of Africa, across Eurasia from Western Europe to India, and in the Americas from the Yukon to Peru. Among land **mammals**, only humans lived in more places than lions.



Lions sheltering from the sun.

Lions became **extinct** in America about 10,000 years ago, but 2,500 years ago they were common in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia, **as well as** most of Africa. However, the European population of lions soon started decreasing. Aristotle, a Greek **philosopher**, reported that **they** were rare in 300 BC. By the tenth **century**, the last European lions had disappeared from their home in the **region** near Georgia and Armenia.



A male and a female lion.

In Asia, lions disappeared later. They lived in Palestine until the Middle Ages (around 500 AD) and they disappeared from **the rest** of central Asia after the arrival of **firearms** in the eighteenth century. Between the late nineteenth and early twentieth



A male lion.

century they became extinct in North Africa and the Middle East. At **this** time, they also disappeared from Turkey and most of northern India. Asian lions are now only found in and around the Gir Forest of northwestern India. About 300 lions live in a 1,412 square kilometer protected area, which covers most of the forest. Now, their numbers are slowly increasing.



Fact File 1 Did you know?

Lions live in groups called "prides." A pride usually consists of five or six related females, their cubs, and one or two males. Male cubs leave their pride when they become adult, at around 2 or 3 years of age.

2. During Reading

Reading Skill Tip

When you scan, don't read every word, and don't stop when you see a word you don't know. Read quickly and stop only to find the information you are looking for.

A Scanning for Information Circle the correct answer.

1. Among land mammals, who lived in more places than lions?

- a. tigers
- b. humans
- c. big cats

2. Where did lions live 2,500 years ago?

- a. Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa
- b. Eastern Europe and Africa
- c. The Middle East, Africa, and Europe

3. When did lions become extinct in America?

- a. in 300 BC
- b. in 500 AD
- c. about 10,000 years ago

4. Which sentence about lions in Europe is true?

- a. Lions became extinct in Europe after the 18th century.
- b. There were lions in western Europe more than 10,000 years ago.
- c. Lions disappeared later in Europe than in Asia.

5. Which sentence about lions in Asia is NOT true?

- a. The number of lions in the Gir Forest keeps decreasing.
- b. After the arrival of firearms, lions became extinct in central Asia.
- c. Lions disappeared from central Asia between the late 19th and early 20th century.

Fact File 2



Did you know?

The mane of the adult male lion is unique and distinctive. It makes the lion appear larger, and it helps the lion during fights with other lions and other animals. Lions with darker, longer and fuller manes are healthy and strong.

Reading Skill Tip

Organizing the main events of the passage in time order can help you to understand them better.

B Organizing Information: Sequencing Complete the timeline.

_____ years ago	Lions lived all around the world.
_____ years ago	Lions were common in _____.
300 BC	Lions were _____ in Europe.
until 500 AD	Lions lived in _____.
10 th century	The last lions in _____ disappeared.
_____ century	Lions disappeared from the rest of _____ after the arrival of firearms.
late 19 th century ~ early 20 th century	Lions became extinct in North _____ and the Middle East. They also disappeared from _____ and most of northern India.
Now	About 300 lions live in a _____ area in and around northwestern India.



Reading Skill Tip

Think about how the target word is related to the topic of the passage. Then look at the words around the target word to guess its meaning.

Reading Skill Tip

A referent refers to something that has been mentioned before. Substitute the possible answer for the referent and see if the sentence makes sense.

Reading Skill Tip

While making inferences, you combine the information in the passage with your general knowledge.

Reading Skill Tip

Find out why the writer includes a certain piece of information in the passage.

C Understanding Words in Context Circle the correct answer.

1. In line 11, what does the word 'rare' mean?

- a. unusual b. common c. often seen

2. In line 23, what does the word 'protected' mean?

- a. endangered b. prepared c. preserved

D Identifying Referents Circle the correct answer.1. In line 11, what does **they** refer to?

- a. historians b. lions c. philosophers

2. In line 19, what does **this** refer to?

- a. 18th Century b. late 19th–early 20th Century c. 21st Century

E Making Inferences Circle the correct answer.1. Why do you think lions disappeared from central Asia in the 18th century?

- a. They were moved to Africa by soldiers.
b. They were traded for guns.
c. They were killed by hunters.

2. What kind of place do you think the Gir Forest is?

- a. a zoo where lions and other wild animals are kept
b. a national park and a wildlife sanctuary
c. a forest which is good for camping and hiking

F Identifying Purpose Circle the correct answer.

1. Why does the writer mention the Yukon and Peru in line 5?

- a. because many lions lived there
b. because the Yukon is in North America and Peru is in South America
c. because the Yukon and Peru are big cities

2. Why does the writer mention Aristotle in line 10?

- a. because he lived in Greece
b. because he reported seeing lions in Europe
c. because he saw the last lion in Europe

3. After Reading**A-1 Vocabulary Practice** Fill in the blanks.

the rest of century	mammals extinct	as well as philosopher	firearms region
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- Dinosaurs became _____ millions of years ago.
- Dogs and tigers are _____, but snakes and lizards are reptiles.
- Information technology will improve in the 21st _____.
- It's illegal to carry _____ in this country.
- I liked the beginning, but _____ the story was very boring.
- Socrates was a famous _____ in Greece.
- It gets very cold in the northern _____ of Canada.
- I think this book is useful _____ interesting.

A-2 Synonyms and Antonyms Fill in the blanks using the words in the box above.

1	area	=		4	guns	=	
2	all dead	=		5	100 years	=	
3	and also	=					

= synonym ↔ antonym

B Discussion Talk with your partner and then have a class discussion.

- Why do you think lions once lived all around the world?
- Why do you think lions disappeared from Europe?
- What can people do to protect the lions in Africa and India?

C Writing Practice Write your opinion and share it with your class.

I think the number of lions will (increase / decrease) in the future because _____
