

REFERENCE E-BOOK

Constructions in present-day English

Thematic section

ENVIRONMENT-CONSTRUCTIONS

Immediate constructions (in bold-type) are word combinations with the dependent units on the left and on the right.

Extended constructions (underlined in the examples) include the immediate constructions into an utterance or text.

ENVIRONMENT-CONSTRUCTIONS

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**breed animals/ breeding centre/ breeding herd/ breeding programmes*

The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 required zoos to educate the public, and they stopped capturing most of their animals from the wild and turned to **breeding programmes**.

Twycross Zoo in Warwickshire **has successfully bred two Amur leopards**, born in July 2014 as part of their ongoing **breeding programme**.

Chengdu Panda Base in China **has successfully bred over 100 pandas** using artificial insemination.

London Zoo has rescued adult frogs from Montserrat and **successfully bred a brood of 76 from just two females**.

Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks in Kent **holds the largest breeding herd of black rhino** outside of Africa, returning eight into the wild since 2004.

Wildwood Wildlife Park in Kent **conducts a captive breeding and release programme** to re-establish the wild population.

Chester Zoo **has successfully bred seven orangutans** and helps Sumatran field workers restore local forests to reintroduce orangutans back into the wild.

Chester Zoo has **a breeding centre** but they're also helping orangutans in the wild.

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**captive/ in captivity*

Some animals **experience behavioral and psychological problems in captivity**.

But when nature documentaries teach us so much about animal behaviour in the wild, is there still value in **keeping animals captive in a zoo?**

Captive population

With potentially thousands of species going extinct every year, zoos have taken on a role in preserving the very animals they **hold in captivity**.

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By the 1980s the British public was questioning the morality of **keeping animals captive**.

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**conservation-constructions*

Today, they not only entertain us on a family day out, zoos also engage in research, conservation and education.

In 1959 Gerald Durrell opened a zoo in Jersey – the first to put conservation above all else.

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Puffins are among four UK bird species now at risk of extinction, according to the latest revision of a global conservation database.

Atlantic puffins, European turtle doves, Slavonian grebes and pochards are on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species for birds.

Martin Harper, conservation director with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), said the "global wave of extinction is now lapping at our shores".

Reasons include a recent decline in the population of puffins' prey, such as the sand eel, and vulnerability to pollution such as oil spills, according to advisory body the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

The decline in the UK has been particularly high, with more than nine out of every ten birds being lost since the 1970s, according to conservation group Birdlife.

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**extinction-constructions*

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"The erosion of the UK's wildlife is staggering and this is reinforced when you talk about puffin and turtle dove now facing the same level of extinction threat as African elephant and lion, and being more endangered than the humpback whale," he said.

They have been listed as vulnerable to extinction, the lowest of three categories behind critically endangered and endangered.

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More than 20,000 species are now classed as endangered, critically endangered or facing extinction.

Saving animals from extinction

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**legal/ illegal activities*

Activist Mel Broughton dedicated his life to fighting for animal rights.

But in order to achieve his aims he waged a "fierce campaign" against people and institutions involved in planning the centre, jurors at the city's crown court were told.

It was not the first time the activist, a single man from Northampton, had planned illegal violence in support of his cause.

But his actions went further than lawful protests and he was said to be a key player in a violent and frightening campaign.

Companies, institutions and individuals perceived as being associated with the research centre were subjected to violence and intimidation.

Broughton told the court he had helped organize legal demonstrations against the lab and could understand why people chose to take direct action.

Paul Harrison, of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), said: "While our society supports the right to free speech and to campaign peacefully, Mel Broughton went well beyond that by using force against a legitimate academic institution and business in an attempt to further his aims."

A spokesman for Oxford University said: "The university has always accepted the rights of protesters to voice their objections within the law.

"However, we will continue to work with all relevant authorities to protect staff and students from criminal activity of any kind."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/7712632.stm

** reaction to animal abuse-constructions*

There was a huge social media reaction, with animal rights groups and ordinary citizens condemning the incident.

In light of the public outcry, the local prosecutor told Iran's state TV that the hunter will get two months in prison and 74 lashes, as the hunter had performed an act that was "haram", or unacceptable in Islam.

On Monday, protestors gathered outside the Environment Department to call for legislation to prevent further cases of animal abuse.

Following the case, the head of Iran's Department of Environment Masoumeh Ebtekar said that a proposal has been sent to the cabinet for protection of stray animals.

In 2014, a group of influential conservative MPs put forth a proposal to criminalise dog keeping as a pet, with offenders subjected to 74 lashes or a fine.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-trending-35642604>

**vulnerable to/vulnerability to*

Puffins are vulnerable to pollution and declining food sources, ecologists say.

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A decline in turtle dove numbers across Europe of more than 30% in the past 16 years has also made it **vulnerable to extinction**.

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