

**READING FOR INFORMATION**

Read the article and circle your answers to the questions that follow.

**Bengal Tiger Populations Growing**

The Bengal tiger is one of the largest tiger species and can be found in India, Bangladesh, and other nearby countries. Bengal tigers have a light orange coat with black stripes. Males are 115 inches long on average and can weigh anywhere from 400 to 700 pounds. Bengal tigers usually live in tropical forests and have a lifespan of 15 to 20 years. Due to habitat losses from forests being cut down, and tiger hunting, the Bengal population decreased significantly over the last century. In 2010 they were put on the endangered species list and many wildlife conservation projects were created to save the species. Thanks in part to these efforts, by 2014 the Bengal tiger population had increased by more than 600 tigers.

What does "species" mean?

- A. a place where animals live
- B. a way to group living things by their common characteristics
- C. the type of food something eats

What does "decreased" mean?

- A. got smaller
- B. stayed the same
- C. got larger

What does "increased" mean?

- A. got smaller
- B. stayed the same
- C. got larger

Which of the following is NOT listed as a reason the Bengal tiger population was decreasing?

- A. habitat losses
- B. global warming
- C. tigers being hunted

How long are Bengal tigers on average?

- A. 115 inches
- B. 400 inches
- C. 570 inches

Where do Bengal tigers typically live?

- A. arctic forests
- B. tropical beach
- C. tropical forests



## PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR: THERE, THEIR, OR THEY'RE

**There** is used to refer to a place. *The plant is over there.*

**Their** means "belonging to them." *That is their dog.*

**They're** is a contraction meaning "they are." *They're going to the store tomorrow.*

Complete each sentence by writing in the correct form of there, their or they're.

Find out when they will be done with \_\_\_\_\_ homework.

\_\_\_\_\_ going to ride \_\_\_\_\_ scooters to the beach.

I can't believe \_\_\_\_\_ going to Australia next month!

Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

\_\_\_\_\_ going to win the race!

Yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ sister went to college.

\_\_\_\_\_ isn't any milk in the refrigerator.



## COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

Common nouns are people, places and things.

*The cat ran away from the dog. The boy walked to the lake.*

Proper nouns are the names of specific people, places, and things – they are capitalized.

*My cat Winston ran away from the dog. Jayden walked to Lake Como.*

Read each sentence and fill in the blank with either a common noun or proper noun.

You may want to ask \_\_\_\_\_ if you have a question on the homework.  
(common noun)

You may want to ask \_\_\_\_\_ if you have a question on the homework.  
(proper noun)

Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_?  
(common noun)

Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_?  
(proper noun)

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ near my house.  
(common noun)

\_\_\_\_\_ is near my house.  
(proper noun)