

Story about endangered animals in the UAE

In the heart of the United Arab Emirates, there lived a family of Arabian oryxes. These beautiful creatures were once abundant in the region, but overhunting and habitat loss pushed them to the brink of extinction. The few remaining oryxes were struggling to survive, and they desperately needed help.

1- Continue the story with at least two sentences.

It was a long journey from the port in Dubai to Sir Bani Yas. The heat was overwhelming and the Oryxes did not know what their new home would look like. The youngest of them was Ryxie. (2)

2- Why are the sentences you have written the best sentences to continue the story?

The sentences which I wrote have the same topic as the introduction 'oryxes' paragraph. They are written in the same tense 'was, would', and they introduce a character and setting 'Ryxie' and Sir Bani Yas'. (3)

3- Write a plan about the rest of the story:

NAME: _____

Narrative Planner:

Characters:

Ryxie, his parents
Hyenas
Ahmed the Game ranger
Dr Sarah the veterinarian

Settings:

Dubai
Sir Bani Yas Game Reserve

Plot:

The Oryxes were brought from captive breeding in Dubai to Sir Bani Yas. Life was not easy in a strange environment. Ryxie, separated from his parents, learnt to survive on his own.

Problem:

Ryxie was alone as his parents were moved to another enclosure. A pack of hyenas attacked him, and he was wounded. Ranger Ahmed found him and took him to Sarah, the veterinarian.

Solution:

He recovered and grew stronger and faster. He faced his fears and managed to use his sharp horns to fend off the hyenas. They never tried to attack him again.

4- Using the plan and the sentences you wrote, continue writing the story.

(150 – 200 words)

Be brave.

It was a cold and wet morning in the harbour of Dubai. Ryxie and his Oryx mom and dad were on their way to Sir Bani Yas Island, to start a new life. Being very young and small, Ryxie had no idea what was going on. His parents tried to keep him calm, however, he was still shaking like a leaf.

When they arrived at the island, Ryxie bravely trotted out of the cage, waiting for his parents to join him. They never came! He was heartbroken. After a few months, Ryxie was just a little bit stronger and taller, still, he was not brave. He headed down to the watering hole to have a drink. Suddenly, five hyenas started chasing him. They pulled him down with their sharp teeth. They were just about to devour him alive! Luckily for Ryxie, Ranger Ahmed saw what happened. He took Ryxie to Dr Sarah, the veterinarian, who healed him and had him back on his feet in no time. Ryxie grew stronger, taller and his horns were long and sharp.

When he was released back into the Reserve, he went for a drink of water, the hyenas came again, but this time, he was not afraid. The hyenas saw his sharp horns and just how big he was. They never tried to attack him again.

225 words

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