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Extinction



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Tejali

नमस्कार मित्रांनो, Hello and welcome to English Together. असा शो, जिथे आपण शिकतो निरनिराळे विषय आणि त्या संबंधित शब्दांबद्दल. मी तेजाली आणि आज माझ्या बरोबर आहे...

Tom

Hi everybody! I'm Tom. Thanks for joining us again!

Sam

Hello, I'm Sam! Today's episode is going to begin a little differently. I'm going to play you a clip from C Radio 4 documentary called **Extinct!**

Tejali

Oh! **Extinct** म्हणजे नामशेष झालेले, right?

Sam

That's right. We say '**extinction**' to describe the process of becoming extinct. Listen to the clip, which animal does the presenter say is in danger of **extinction** (or of becoming **extinct**)?

Andrew

We're on a river flowing through the countryside of Assam in North-East India. A fisherman casts his net from the bank into this tributary of the mighty Brahmaputra.

Colleague

Yes, there are dolphins. Just where these two currents are, there are dolphins.

Andrew

The Ganges river dolphin, foraging where two branches of the river meet. This used to be a common sight throughout the whole Brahmaputra and Ganges river systems, but its rarity these days is leading us to think that this species ultimate fate might be the same as its Chinese cousin, the Yangtze river dolphin, declared functionally **extinct**.

Tejali

अरे बापरे... किती वाईट! मला आठवतंय, ब्रम्हपुत्रेच्या पात्रात 'एक' डॉल्फिन दिसलेला. आणि त्याउलट आपल्याकडे कोकण किनारपट्टीवर थंडीच्या दिवसात डॉल्फिन्सचं दर्शन सहज होतं. कधी त्यांच्या पाठीवरचं फक्त टोकच दिसतं तर कधी हवेत मस्त उसळी मारून ते सगळ्यांना दर्शन देतात किती मस्त वाटतं तेव्हा!

Tom

So, which species of animal are under threat in your country?

Tejali

Species म्हणजे प्रजाती. Under threat म्हणजे धोका असलेल्या. सध्या महाराष्ट्रात माळढोक म्हणजे Great Indian Bustard हा पक्षी नामशेष होण्याच्या मार्गावर आहे. आधी वाघांबादलही तसंच होतं; पण आता वाघांबदल एवढे प्रयत्न चालू आहेत की त्यामुळे वाघांची संख्या पुर्वपदावर येतील.

Sam

Well, let's turn this into today's question. In Britain we have a beautiful bird called the turtle dove. What percentage of UK turtle doves have disappeared in the last 20 years?

- a) 50 %
- b) 75%
- c) 90%

Tejali

All of those numbers are huge! Who's counting these birds?

Sam

Well, in this survey, it's the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. But just because they're counting them, it doesn't mean they're accountable.

Tejali

Right! **To be accountable** म्हणजे जबाबदार असणे. There's so much wildlife in our country though! And, if nobody owns it, who has accountability for looking after it?

Tom

Maybe the government, maybe all of us, I'm not sure. I suppose we all need to help with conservation, really.

Tejali

Conservation म्हणजे संवर्धन. वन्यप्राण्यांच्या संवर्धन आणि संरक्षणासाठी भारतात अनेक ठिकाणी त्यांचे मूळ अधिवास अभयारण्य म्हणून घोषित करण्यात आले आहेत. अनेक स्वयंसेवी संस्था, लोक आणि सरकारही या प्राण्यांचे संरक्षण व्हावे म्हणून अनेक प्रयत्न करत आहेत त्याबद्दल जागरूकता निर्माण करणे, अंधश्रद्धा दूर करणे, त्यांचे अधिवास जतन करणे असे प्रयत्न सतत चालू असतात.

Tom

Unfortunately, in my opinion, with population growth continuing at the current rate, it's only going to get more difficult for animals! They are already hunted, eaten and used for clothes!

Sam

That's quite a **pessimistic** view, Tom.

Tejali

Pessimistic म्हणजे निराशावादी. Animals are often treated badly, but I think people are becoming more aware of environmental factors.

Sam

Yes, the study by the RSPB said that farming was one of the main causes for environmental destruction. The fact that they're reporting on this, and that we're talking about it now, shows that people are thinking seriously about these things!

Tejali

Yes, surely that's a cause for **optimism**, आशावादी?

Tom

Well, I'm not convinced. Try telling that to the turtle dove. How many of those are left?!

Sam

Ah! Not many, unfortunately. Let's give you the answer to today's quiz. According to the survey, more than 90% of the British turtle dove population has disappeared since 1995.

Tejali

Oh no! That's so sad.

Sam

Hopefully our awareness has been raised enough to limit the rate of **extinction**, though?

Tom

There's that **optimism** again! I think it's a disaster already, actually!

Sam

Fair enough, I don't disagree with you on this occasion, actually.

Tejali

मला वाटतं, एवढे सगळे प्रयत्न चालू आहेत तर या प्राण्यांचं संरक्षण होण्यात नक्कीच मदत होईल. आजचा भाग संपवण्याआधी आजचे शब्द पुन्हा ऐकू. आज आपण प्राणी **extinct** म्हणजे नामशेष होण्याच्या धोक्याबद्दल बोललो. आपण conservation म्हणजे संवर्धनाबद्दल बोललो ; टॉम वन्यजीवांच्या परिस्थितीबाबत **pessimistic**, निराशावादी आहे, यात काही फारसं करता येईल असं त्याला वाटत नाही. पण सॅम मात्र याबद्दल optimistic, आशावादी आहे. प्राण्यांच्या संरक्षणाबद्दल तुमचं काय मत आहे? प्राण्यांचं अस्तित्व धोक्यात आहे असं वाटतं का तुम्हाला? आमच्या फेसबुक पेज वर आम्हाला नक्की सांगा. पुन्हा भेटू English Together च्या पुढच्या भागात. Bye!