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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### Nature loss: 'natural and human emergency'

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#### The story

Scientists and diplomats from 130 countries start a meeting in Paris today to examine a huge report on how human activity is crippling global biodiversity. They'll hear how a million species face extinction and how most UN targets to sustain biodiversity won't be met.

#### Vocabulary groundwork

initial work or planning which makes future work easier

- Firstly, I'd like to thank our manager, who laid the initial groundwork for this meeting.
- My partner always books the flights and does the groundwork before a trip.

#### degrading

making the quality of something worse

- Residents say that noise pollution from the new road is degrading their quality of life.
- Fake news is degrading trust in the press.

#### mass

on a large scale

- Economic instability in the region has led to mass migration.
- Scientists warn of a mass extinction of global species in the report.

#### Language challenge

Human activity is making many species of animal...

- a) in danger
- b) in dangered
- c) endangered

#### Answer

c) endangered