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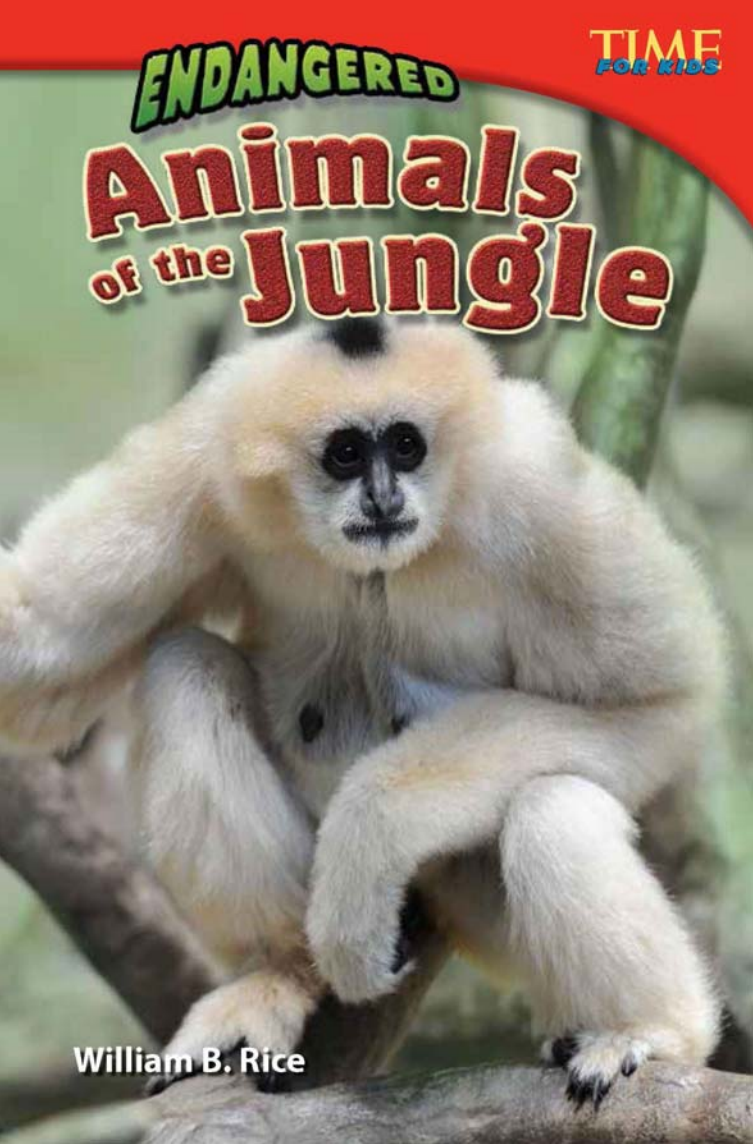

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LIFELESS

The jungle is alive. Alive with plants. Alive with animals. Alive with sound, color, motion, and fragrance. It pulses and breathes as though the jungle itself were a single living thing.

More **species** than can be imagined live in the thick foliage of the world's jungles. But year by year—even day by day—more and more species simply cease to exist. Left unprotected, what was once filled with life becomes silent, gray, and still.

Lifeless**. Extinct.**

red-eyed tree frog

black-and-white lemur
THINK LINK
What animals live in the world's jungles?
In what ways are they in danger?
How can we protect them?

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ENDANGERED

Over time, Earth changes. In some areas, it gets warmer and wetter. In others, it may get drier or colder. It is natural that some species are unable to handle these changes. They cannot **thrive** and prosper. At some point, they cease to be. But more and more, the effects of human actions weaken otherwise healthy species. They become **endangered**, or in danger of dying off. Sometimes, they become extinct, or wiped from the planet.

Some people think it's merely sad when a species becomes endangered and extinct. They're sorry that humans will no longer see that species. But the truth is, "sad" is the least of the problem. All species depend on one another. The loss of a single species can have tragic results for all.

kapok flower

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