***Human activities are causing animals to become endangered.***

* Use this guidance sheet and the sheet titled “What Causes Animals to Become Endangered?” to help you create a piece of writing to persuade people that human actions are causing animals to become endangered/extinct.

**Paragraph 1- Introduction**

* State that you agree with the above statement and list 2-3 reasons to explain why you agree.
* For example: *I strongly believe that human activities are causing animals to become endangered. I think this because…*

**Paragraph 2: Explain your first reason (destroy habitats)**

* Begin with an opening sentence which states your first argument. Remember to start your sentence with a time connective e.g. firstly, my first reason etc.
	+ *E.g. Firstly, people destroy animals natural habitats when they clear land for building, roads or farms.*
* Explain your point in more detail by adding more information.
* See paragraph entitled “Habitat” on attached sheet

**Paragraph 3: Explain your second reason (hunting)**

* Opening sentence which states your second argument.
	+ *E.g. Secondly, humans often hunt animals for food, fur, skins, teeth and bones.*
* See paragraph entitled “Hunting” on your “What Causes Animals to Become Endangered?” sheet for more info.

**Paragraph 4: Explain your third reason (pollution)**

* Opening sentence which states your third argument.
	+ *E.g. In addition, humans pollute the air, soil and water that animals rely on.*
* See paragraph entitled “Pollution” on your “What Causes Animals to Become Endangered?” sheet for more information.

**Paragraph 5: Conclusion**

* Write a few sentences to sum up your arguments.
* For example: *In conclusion, I believe that human activity is causing animals to become endangered because they destroy animal habitats, they hunt animals for food, fur and skins and finally they pollute the air, soil and water that animals rely on to survive.*

**Remember to add in persuasive words and phrases throughout. You will find these on your persuasive writing word mat.**

**Examples of persuasive words and phrases you might use are:**

* *Surely animals are just as important as humans!*
* *There is no doubt that humans cutting down trees is destroying animal homes and putting animals in danger of being hurt or killed.*
* *It’s outrageous that animals are in danger of extinction because of human activities.*
* *How could we possibly do this to our planet?*
* *I strongly believe we can do better!*