

# The Mini Page

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Protect Earth's Species

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

## **This week's standard:**

- Students understand the relationship between organisms and the environment. (Science: Life Science).

## **Activities:**

1. Create a deck of "Saving Species" cards. On one side of a card, write the problem that can lead to the extinction of animals. On the other side, write what you or other people can do to help animals avoid extinction. Have a friend read the problem side of a card and make a guess about what people can do. Then have the friend share the "solution" side of the card.
2. Look in the newspaper for examples of people working to help the environment or saving species. Discuss the story with friends.
3. In the newspaper, circle five things that represent causes of species extinction (like pollution in lakes). Explain your choices.
4. How do each of these relate to species extinction: (a) pollution, (b) climate change, (c) Earth Day and (d) plastics?
5. Use the information from today's Mini Page to write a personal response to Rachel Carson's quote, "In nature, nothing exists alone." Share your writing with friends or family members.

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