



☉ The place where a wild animal lives and finds food is called its **habitat**. As the **human** population grows, we are taking up more and more of the **habitat** of wild animals. By helping to protect our forests and other **habitats**, we can help to ensure that wild animals will always have a place to live and take care of themselves.



☉ These bears live in the wild. **Humans** have come into the bears' **habitat** for a picnic. Now the bears are trying to eat the picnic food. This is not safe for the **humans** or the bears!



☞ Much of the western part of the United States was once covered in vast grassy plains, but most of these plains are now gone. On some of the plains that still exist, wild horses, called mustangs, still roam. Wild mustangs live in a large group called a **herd**. The leader of the **herd** is a male horse called a stallion. A mare is a female horse. A horse under one year old is called a **foal**.

☞ A **foal** is able to stand and run just a few hours after it is born. Its mother, and the rest of the **herd**, will keep the **foal** safe.