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You have found a song about tigers on an endangered species website. Read the song lyrics.

Text 3 Song lyrics

Not Around for Long

I'm a tiger, the largest and most magnificent cat.

Watch me as I stride through my expansive habitat.

Miles and miles across the barren plains I go

Trying to hunt for wild pigs, deer and buffalo.

5 CHORUS

Does it make your heart race to watch me run?

Do you feel at peace when you see me laze in the sun?

This song is to warn you that humans have the distinction

Of being the species driving tigers to extinction.

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Years ago, my mum implored me to be careful.

I try to obey, but I'm getting more and more fearful.

Illegal poachers want to kill me for my magnificent stripy skin

Or because they want my body parts for medicine.

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If tigers are a symbol that our world is wild and pure,
15 Our plight shows that our environment is insecure.
I hope my cry will be heard and not dismissed,
Because I can't stand to see tigers on the endangered list.

On my worst days, I wonder if tigers can survive
Or whether in a hundred years any of us will still be alive.
20 But with your aid maybe we can halt this trend
And man can eventually become a tiger's best friend.



Comprehension 3 Your sister listened to the song and she wants to know more about the lyrics. Answer her questions using information from the song lyrics. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1 Which words in verse 1 rhyme with the following?

i) cat

ii) go

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- 2 Complete the summary of verse 1. Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Tigers are (i) _____ and magnificent cats. They have to travel many
(ii) _____ while they are (iii) _____ for their prey.

- 3 According to the chorus, why did the tiger write this song? Use your own words to explain.

- 4 According to the chorus, what might make people feel the following?

i) Calm: _____

ii) Excited: _____

- 5 What does 'the species' (line 9) refer to?

- 6 What are TWO reasons that poachers want to hunt tigers?

i) _____

ii) _____

- 7 How is the tiger trying to obey its mother?

- 8 Find words in verses 3 and 4 that mean the same as the following:

i) begged _____

ii) beautiful _____

iii) struggle _____

iv) not safe _____

iv) ignored _____

Challenging reading and comprehension

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9 The tiger believes that _____.

A it may take 100 years to restore tiger populations

B it will still be around in 100 years

C no tiger can live for 100 years

A B C D

D it is possible that there will be no tigers in 100 years

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10 i) What is the tiger's attitude towards humans at the end of the song?

☐ Hopeless

☐ Frustrated

☐ Neutral

☐ Hopeful

ii) Why does the tiger feel this way?

11 Match the main points (A–E) with one of the verses on the left. Write the correct letter (A–E) on the line next to the verse number.

	Verse no.
i)	Verse 1 _____
ii)	Chorus _____
iii)	Verse 2 _____
iv)	Verse 3 _____
v)	Verse 4 _____

Main idea
A It's not too late
B A warning to humans
C Why tigers are at risk
D The natural life of tigers in the wild
E A sign of a larger environmental issue



12 Based on the song, what can humans do to help the tiger?
