

Trophy Hunting

"Hunting is not a sport. In a sport, both sides should know they are in the game."

—Paul Rodriguez, comic



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What are some different reasons for hunting?
2. What types of animals are difficult to hunt?
3. What types of animals are rare?
4. What is ecotourism?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| ___ 1. trophy | a) not good according to what most people think is right or wrong |
| ___ 2. exotic | b) a license or official document that grants permission |
| ___ 3. thrill | c) excitement |
| ___ 4. tusk | d) a prize awarded for an achievement |
| ___ 5. permit | e) rare and interesting |
| ___ 6. game | f) to sit or stand in a certain way for the benefit of an audience |
| ___ 7. pose | g) a long, pointed tooth |
| ___ 8. unethical | h) very popular and profitable |
| ___ 9. conservation | i) the protection and safekeeping of nature |
| ___ 10. booming | j) wild animals hunted for food or sport |

Homonyms

GAME

Homonyms are words that sound the same but have different meanings. Some homonyms like *game* (a fun activity) and *game* (wild animals) are spelled the same and have the same word form (noun).

Reading

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The Thrill of the Kill

1. When athletes win big games or races, they receive a **trophy** or a medal. Some hunters use their skills for sport, too. Trophy hunting involves killing large or **exotic** wild animals for the sake of a **thrill**. Instead of using the meat for food, these hunters bring home part of the animal as a prize. They place the animal's head, horns, **tusks**, or pelt on display. The trophy acts as proof of their hunting skills, bravery, and wealth.
2. Trophy hunting is not a cheap sport. Hunters around the world pay tens of thousands of dollars for **permits** to hunt exotic **game**. Africa is one of the most common destinations for trophy hunters. The "African Big Five" are elephants, leopards, rhinoceroses, buffaloes, and lions. Trophy hunting also takes place in other parts of the world. In North America, people get a thrill from hunting grizzly bears. In Iran, foreigners hunt a rare breed of curly-horned mountain sheep.
3. In some countries, importing an animal trophy is illegal. Foreign hunters often have guides or friends take their photograph after a hunt. If you search for trophy hunting images online, you will see hunters **posing** proudly beside their kills. Many trophy hunters arrange hunts with illegal guides and outfitters. The more endangered the animal, the greater the thrill.
4. While animal lovers consider this sport **unethical**, trophy hunters call it *ecotourism*. Some hunters claim their sport puts an economic value on rare animals, which they say helps **conservation** efforts. Animal lovers and environmentalists strongly disagree with this argument. Even though trophy hunting is a **booming** business, more money can be made from tourists who photograph exotic animals than from the onetime fees for hunting permits.

Comprehension

Discuss these questions in pairs, and write the answers in your notebook.

1. Why is trophy hunting considered a sport?
2. What examples of trophies are given in the reading?
3. What does the “African Big Five” refer to?
4. According to this reading, what related content can be found online?
5. Why do trophy hunters say that their sport helps endangered animals?

Vocabulary Review

Which word from page 1 is described in the sentence?
More than one option may be possible.

#	Sentence	Word
1	It was an exciting moment to see a wild lion in Africa.	
2	She had me take her picture while she made a peace sign.	
3	There are only a few hundred of these rare sheep left in the wild.	
4	Animal rights activists think it’s wrong to kill for sport.	
5	He brought home elephant tusks as proof of his kill.	
6	The government made a new law to protect rhinoceroses.	
7	It is a big business that makes a lot of money for local families.	
8	Turkeys, deer, and moose are all hunted for food.	
9	They did not have a signed document allowing this hunt.	
10	Elephants are hunted for their ivory.	

Grammar Review

CAUSATIVE VERBS

A. Reference

Causative Verbs	
Usage:	The causative verbs <i>have</i> , <i>let</i> , and <i>make</i> are used when one person is causing another to do something.
Pattern:	subject + have/let/make + object (person) + base verb + object (thing)
Examples:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunters have their guides take photographs. The government lets hunters kill endangered animals. Outfitters make hunters pay for permits.

Note:

There are other verbs with a similar meaning that are not causative verbs. Verbs such as *get*, *force*, *allow*, and *cause* take an infinitive verb, not a base verb.

- She got me to take her picture.
- They allowed him to kill the lion.
- They forced us to get a permit.

B. Practice

Now practice writing sentences with causative verbs. Use the topic of hunting. The grammar pattern above will help you place the subject, objects, and verbs in the correct form and order.

1. have

2. let

3. make

Discussion Questions


1. How does trophy hunting differ from hunting to control animal populations?
2. Trophy hunting is a booming business in Africa. Should governments do more to protect endangered species?
3. Safaris are also a business in Africa. Is there anything unethical about driving through conservation areas and taking photographs of wild animals?
4. Why do you think trophy hunters find their sport so thrilling?

Critical Thinking

IN PAIRS OR SMALL GROUPS

In 2015, a 14-year-old black-maned lion named Cecil was lured from a national park in Zimbabwe and killed by an American dentist. Animal lovers around the world were outraged. Do you think naming animals, such as *Cecil the lion*, puts animals at greater risk of being targeted?

Listening

 <http://blog.eslibrary.com/2015/09/30/podcast-trophy-hunting>

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

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