

## The Japanese Golden Eagle: Listening Practice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to the following speech and fill in the gaps.

Endangered m\_\_\_\_\_s that a type of plant or animal is *in danger* of no longer existing. When an a\_\_\_\_\_l no longer exists, they are extinct. Dinosaurs are extinct, b\_\_\_\_\_e there are no more dinosaurs on the earth.

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However, many of these birds are not laying e ggs. Also, many of the eggs that are laid do not hatch. The main p\_\_\_\_\_m is that the areas in Japan where the eagles live and h\_\_\_\_t are being changed and destroyed. W\_\_\_\_\_t places to live and find food, the eagles do not lay eggs and are slowly dying. Less than one thousand of these birds live a\_\_\_\_\_s Japan. Unless more golden eagles are born, this bird may become extinct in the f\_\_\_\_\_e.

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4. What is the main problem for the eagles?

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## Answer Key

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However, many of these birds are not laying eggs. Also, many of the eggs that are laid do not hatch. The main problem is that the areas in Japan where the eagles live and hunt are being changed and destroyed. Without places to live and find food, the eagles do not lay eggs and are slowly dying. Less than one thousand of these birds live across Japan. Unless more golden eagles are born, this bird may become extinct in the future.

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