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There are six questions. Put what you think the answers are in the first column (推測). Then listen to the teacher read a short paragraph. Write down any answers you hear in the second column. Then we will check all answers and write down the correct ones in the third column.

QUESTIONS	GUESS	LISTEN	CHECK
(1) What is on the Red List? (That is, what kind of information does the Red List list?)			
(2) What information does the list not include?			
(3) How many species of mammals are there in Japan?			
(4) How many species of birds are extinct in Japan?			
(5) What is one endangered bird in Japan?			
(6) When did the last Hokkaido Wolf die?			

The Speech: 141 words

The Red List is an international list of all the endangered and extinct animals and plants in the world. The list also tells which animals may be endangered soon. The list does not explain why each animal and plant is on the list. Many countries include this information on their own version of the Red List. In Japan, the Red List website includes links to fact sheets for all the endangered and extinct plants and animals. The fact sheets usually have pictures. According to the Japanese website, out of about 200 species of mammals in Japan, 4 are extinct and 48 are endangered. Out of 700 species of birds, 13 are extinct and 92 are endangered. Two endangered birds are the Golden Eagle and the Japanese Ibis. One extinct mammal is the Hokkaido Wolf. The last Hokkaido Wolf died in 1889.

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hokkaido_Wolf

http://www.iucn.jp/protection/species/redlist_j.html

http://www.sizenken.biodic.go.jp/rdb/search_category.html

http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page (used to look up Japanese names to figure out what animals they were)

Endangered and Extinct Species in Japan
(Translated from http://www.iucn.jp/protection/species/redlist_j.html)

Animal Type	Gross Number of Species (a)	Extinct	Extinct in the Wild	Critically Endangered; Endangered; Vulnerable (b)	B/A Percentage
Mammals	~200	4	0	48	24.0%
Birds	~700	13	1	92	13.1%
Reptiles	98	0	0	31	31.6%
Amphibians	62	0	0	21	33.9%
Fresh & Salt Water Fish	~300	3	0	76	25.3%
Insects	~30,000	2	0	139	0.5%
Land and Fresh Water Shellfish (Includes snails, etc)	~1,000	25	0	251	25.1%
Spiders, Crustaceans, Etc.	~4,200	0	1	56	1.3%
Totals	N/A	47	2	714	N/A