**ENDANGERED AND EXTINCT ANIMALS**

*extinct = something that no longer exists (dodo)*

*endangered = they may not exist in the future* *(elephant)*

Endangered animals can become extinct in the future, so we should save or protect them.

Why do animals become endangered or extinct? The main reasons are:

* cutting down trees,

People destroy animals' homes when they cut trees (birds). When we chop bamboo trees, giant pandas have no food.

* hunting,
* pollution (chemicals from factories are in the air and waters).

Why do people cut down trees?

* to make furniture and doors,
* to get the land to make homes,
* to grow food.

Why do people kill animals?

* to get their horns, tusks to make ornaments and some medicine,
* to get their skins to decorate homes.