**8年级（上）英语第24课时（第7周）**

**《我眼中的濒危动物》学程拓展**

**Lost forever**

There are millions of different animals in the world. Some may not have even been found yet.

There are some animals that may soon die out. Just like these animals that lived long ago, they may never be seen again. They may be lost forever.

**Looking for rare animals**

Mark and Stephen wanted to find some rare animals. They had to climb rivers. They had to walk through swamps and rain forests. The animals they found in these places might never be seen again. They could become extinct.

**A strange parrot**

Mark and Stephen found a kakapo, the biggest parrot in the world.

This parrot cannot fly. Many years ago, it did not have predators. Then animals like rats came to where it lived. The rats killed many of the parrots. Now there are only a few left.

**A bat, a cat or a squirrel?**

Mark and Stephen found the aye-aye.

The aye-aye has bright eyes. It has ears like a bat. It has a body like a cat and a tail like a squirrel.Some people think the aye-aye is a pest. They think it brings bad luck. They have killed many of them. People have cut down a lot of trees where the aye-aye lives, too.

**Another unusual animal**

Mark and Stephen went looking for a manatee.

A manatee looks a bit like a seal and a bit like a hippo. It has whiskers like a walrus. In some places where manatees live, the water in the river gets low. Then the manatee swim to where there is more water. Many gets stranded. Some are killed by other animals and people, too.

**Complete the following table according to the text. ( search for information on the Internet if necessary )**

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