

# Unit 8 Writing quiz

**A** Read the information in the table below.

**Plants and Animals in Europe (2011)**

Organisms	Percentage threatened	Percentage decline since 2006	Reasons for decline
Plants	44.9%	11%	• Pollution • Urban development
Freshwater fish	37%	17%	• Pollution • Overfishing
Reptiles	19%	42%	• Pollution • Illegal killing of reptiles

**B** Write a one-paragraph report for a science class on the decline of plants and animals in Europe. Use the information in the table above.

Make sure that you:

- Report information on all the organisms in the table.
- Include some of the numbers and reasons listed in the table.
- Use expressions with prepositions and approximate numbers (*for example, about, approximately, roughly*).

## Sample Answer

People are concerned about the decline in the numbers of plants and animals in Europe. Many plants and animals are threatened. Their numbers are falling by significant amounts. About 45% of all plants in Europe are threatened. This is due to pollution and urban development. Many animals are also affected. For example, almost 40% of freshwater fish are threatened. Pollution and overfishing caused a decline of 17% in the fish population between 2006 and 2011. Pollution also affected reptiles. Almost 20% are threatened, and the total population has declined by more than 40% during the past five years. This decline is largely due to pollution and illegal killing of reptiles.