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Class: _____ Date: _____

A Talk on Increasing Biodiversity

An extension of "Fewer types of plants and animals is bad news for our future food supplies"

Read "**Fewer types of plants and animals is bad news for our future food supplies**" (page 6-7, *What's Up* March 2019). Humans depend on too few species of plants and animals for food. This is not good for our world's ecosystems and the future of agriculture.

To learn more, view this video:

"Why is biodiversity so important?" by Kim Preshoff.

▶ www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK_vRtHJZu4&feature=youtu.be

Imagine you have been invited to give a TED Talk on this issue. Write a speech aimed at farmers and gardeners as well as the general public. Your speech should explain why biodiversity is so important.

In your speech, you may want to include:

- What biodiversity means
- Why biodiversity is so important to the future of food
- Why biodiversity is so important to the survival of planet Earth
- A call to action for farmers. What can they do?
- A call to action for gardeners. What can they do?
- A call to members of the public.

Draft your speech in the space above. Then, present your speech in class.