

**Steppingstone activity**

**LO: To retrieve key information**

Task: Share this news article with an adult or older sibling and answer the questions.



**Steppingstone Questions:**

1. What 2 different countries have big cats been rescued in?
2. What are the 2 different types of cats?
3. Why were the cubs taken from their mother?
4. Why were the other cubs rescued?
5. Name something all the cubs have in common.
6. What do you think a wildlife sanctuary is?

**ANIMAL NEWS**

# FOUR FREED

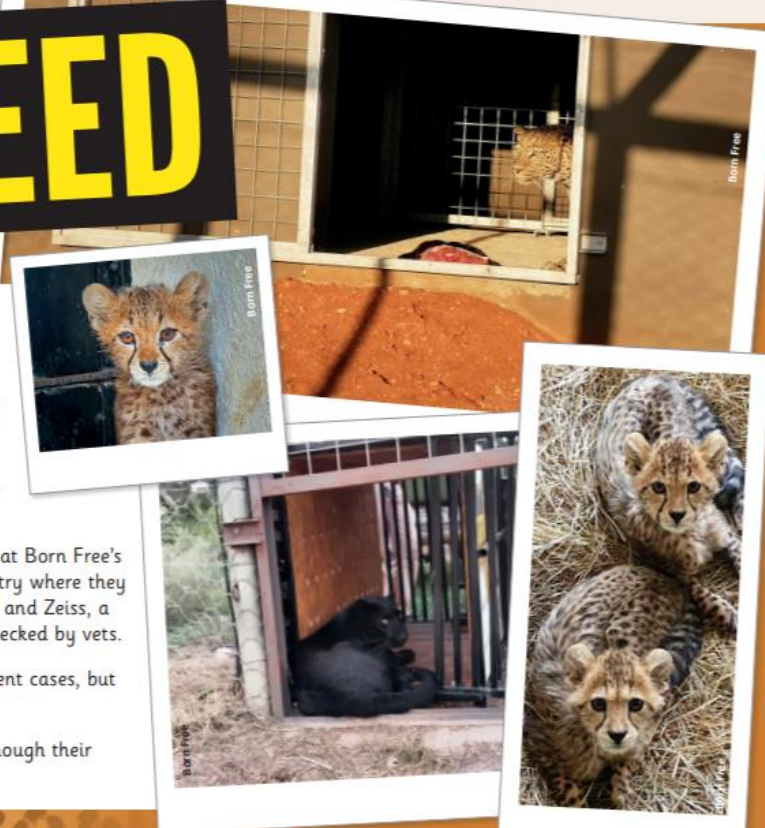
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**Main activity:**

**Year 4 reading**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**LO: To use all of my comprehension skills**

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**Main activity questions:**

**Four Stories** 

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**Questions on: 'Animal News'**

1) Big cats have just been released in which **two** African countries?

1. ....
2. ....

2) Why were the cheetah cubs taken from their mother?

3) What is the writer 'thankful' about?

4) Find the details of the leopards.

Name	Type of leopard

5) Why were the leopards in captivity?

6) What was wrong with the way they were being cared for?

7) a) What do you think a **wildlife sanctuary** is?

b) Can you find **two** words from the story that have a very similar meaning?

8) Why do you think it's very difficult to care for big cats in captivity – even if you are an expert?