

A wanted poster

18 Liam decided to prepare a wanted poster about invasive species for a school project. Read Liam's wanted poster and answer the questions.



Did you know?

A wanted poster is sometimes distributed when authorities want to catch a criminal. It includes a photo or drawing and a description of the criminal, and it lists the crime and the reward for catching the criminal.

The Wels Catfish

Original location: central and eastern Europe, and near the Baltic and Caspian Seas

Location invaded: the Ebro River in Spain, the United Kingdom, Turkey and China

Description: It's got a large head, an enormous mouth and whiskers. It can grow to be four metres long and weigh up to 180 kilograms.

Crime: Killing large numbers of native animals and destroying the ecosystem. It eats insects, fish and small animals in the water. It sometimes jumps out of the water to catch animals on land.

Warning: It's very strong and it won't be easy to catch.

Reward: £1, plus the fun of catching this 'river monster'. Also, you will help protect the natural wildlife of the river.

1. What is the invasive species called?
2. Where does it come from originally?
3. What areas has it invaded?
4. What does it look like?
5. What is its crime?
6. What does the poster warn people about?
7. What is the reward for catching the invasive species?



TASK

1. Make a wanted poster about an invasive species. You can choose one of the animals below.
The North American raccoon
The zebra mussel
The ruddy duck
The Asian tiger mosquito
2. Find information on the Internet about the animal. Use the wanted poster in Exercise 18 to help you.
3. Present your wanted poster to the class.