

In August, World Lion Day **commemorates** “the king of the jungle,” but the world has not always done a very good job **protecting** lions. The population of African lions, for example, **continues** to decrease in many areas of Africa as a result of human **activity**. People are developing more of the lion’s habitat for economic reasons so lions often can’t find enough food. Illegal hunting is also part of the problem, and authorities are not working hard enough to make sure that people **obey** rules regarding lions.

In Asia, there is more reason for **optimism**. For instance, in the Gir Forest area of India, the population of Asiatic lions **has** increased by 29% since 2015. Also, unlike the African lion, the habitat of these lions **has grown** by 36%. The prime minister of India **congratulated** the people living in the area “whose efforts have led to this excellent feat.”

## 獅子的成功與失敗

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在8月的國際獅子日是用來緬懷「森林之王」的，但全世界一直沒有做好保護獅子的工作。舉例來說，非洲許多地區的獅子數量因為人類活動持續下降中。因為經濟發展，人們不斷入侵獅子的棲息地，獅子常常因此無法找到足夠的食物。非法捕獵也是一部分的問題，政府當局對確保人們遵守關於獅子的法規也不夠盡責。

在亞洲，就有比較樂觀的理由了。例如，在印度的吉爾森林保護區，亞洲獅的數量自2015年以來增加了29%，且不像非洲獅，這些亞洲獅的棲息地增加了36%。印度總理恭賀該地區的居民，「他們的努力達成了這項傑出的成就。」

### 一、實用文法

利用現在完成式表示**從過去繼續到現在的動作或狀態**。

### 二、小試身手

把下面括號的句子中的動詞改成現在完成式。

1. Julia is honest and dependable. Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (trust) her since they became friends.
2. Since last year, Laura and Brian \_\_\_\_\_ (save) money to buy a present for their mother.
3. Since beginning art classes in January, I \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) many pictures.

### 閱讀能力測驗

- 1 What is the article about?
  - A. How to save lions from illegal hunting
  - B. Two reasons why lions are dangerous animals
  - C. Protection of lions in different parts of the world
- 2 The reason the lion population in Africa is decreasing is
  - A. because people break laws.
  - B. due to pollution in the lion’s habitat.
  - C. the result of humans obeying rules.
- 3 Why does the writer say that there is “reason for optimism”?
  - A. Because some lions live in Asia
  - B. Because the number of lions has gone up in some places
  - C. Because African lions can be moved to India

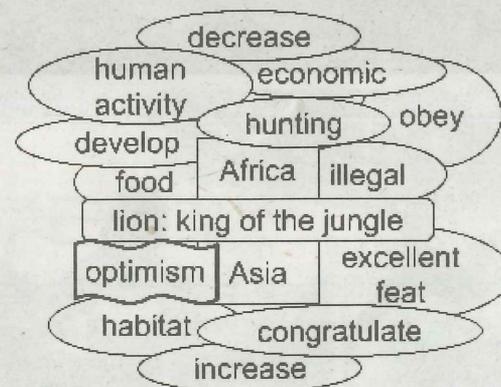
### 國中2000字

**protect** 保護  
**continue** 繼續  
**activity** 活動  
**obey** 遵守  
**grow** 成長  
**congratulate** 祝賀

### 補充單字

**commemorate**  
紀念  
**optimism**  
樂觀

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