

English Homework
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The American bison is the biggest land animal in North America. A few hundred years ago there were millions of them roaming the prairies and woodlands. Native people hunted them for their meat and skins, but they didn't kill too many, so there were always plenty around.

Then Europeans arrived with their horses and guns, and things began to change. They killed huge numbers of bison for their skins, they ploughed up parts of the prairies to plant wheat, and they turned the rest into ranches where they could graze cattle. All this left less and less room for the bison. Suddenly there were just two small

herds of wild bison left, and a few kept in pens by ranchers. The bison was in danger of becoming extinct, without

Luckily, people did begin to take notice. And at the last minute they started to do things.

The ranchers who kept the captive bison started breeding from them, and governments set up reserves to protect the wild herds. Bison numbers began to grow. Now there are hundreds of thousands again. Most of them are still kept by ranchers, who treat them rather like cattle, but there are also some proper wild herds. There are still nowhere near as many as there once were, but there are enough for us not to have to worry about them.



Read this information about the American Bison.

Write a summary of the information.

(Remember a summary is a short version of the text but includes all the important information)

Your summary must include:

1. an explanation about why the animal almost became extinct
2. how humans reacted when they became endangered.
3. information about the American Bison today.