

**TED TALK : “HOW THE TEDDY BEAR TAUGHT US COMPASSION”**  
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| <b>Match the terms to their definitions</b> |  |
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| 1) bummer (n)                               | a. a temporary fashion, notion, manner of conduct, etc., especially one followed enthusiastically by a group |
| 2) toot (vb)                                | b. to kill or butcher (animals), especially for food   |
| 3) dazed (vb)                               | c. to change one's mind  |
| 4) plush toy (n)                            | d. stuffed animal  |
| 5) squishy (adj)                            | e. a little bit  |
| 6) cuddly (adj)                             | f. surprisingly  |
| 7) slaughter (vb)                           | g. you do know or feel it, although you try to pretend that you do not                                       |
| 8) thick (adj)                              | h. to stun or stupefy with a blow, shock   |
| 9) deep down (vb)                           | i. to die under water (or another liquid) on suffocation   |
| 10) astonishingly (adv)                     | j. being soft, yielding, and damp  |
| 11) do something on purpose                 | k. to mean the thing you do  |
| 12) slightly (adv)                          | l. dense   |
| 13) ladybugs (n)                            | m. something you want to hug   |
| 14) drown (vb)                              | n. to interrupt the normal progress or activity of (something)   |
| 15) flip (vb)                               | o. to sound a horn or whistle in short blasts  |
| 16) fad (n)                                 | p. any unpleasant or disappointing experience  |
| 17) disrupt (vb)                            | q. coccinelles   |

| <b>COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS</b>  |  |
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| How did toy bears come to be named after President Theodore Roosevelt?                              |  |
| What happened to the bears around 1900 and why? Which other animals were affected by this decision? |  |

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| What happened in America in 1902 that changed their vision over bears?                        |  |
| Which animal had been chosen to imitate the Teddy Bear's phenomenon? Why was it a fail?       |  |
| What is "conservation reliance"? And what are the impacts of stories telling on wild animals? |  |

**Discussion:**

« The line between conservation and domestication is blurred »

« Our imagination has become an ecological force »

**Comment:**

« Are we arrogantly assuming that we choose to save certain types of animals because we create cool and passionate stories about them? We want to save polar bears, but not some types of snakes just because polar bear cubs are adorable and people love them, seriously? The ecological system depends on all kinds of species, not just the good-looking and cute ones that people decide to save. If humans save only bears, but not opossums, the nature will never ever recover from the mass extinction caused by human beings. »