

## INVASIVE SPECIES

1. Check the pronunciation of the words in the table.
2. Read the first two paragraphs and formulate the subtitle for this extract.
3. Do you know some species that have invaded natural habitats of other species?
4. The article deals with various degrees of menace caused by invasive species. Scan the text and say how many levels are mentioned.
5. Read about the levels and characterize them in your own words.
6. Decide whether the following statements are true or false.
  - At the first level, the introduced species don't upset the equilibrium of the ecosystem.
  - The gray squirrel is as dominant as the red one in Great Britain.
  - At the fourth level, the introduced species becomes dominant and alters or upsets the entire ecosystem.
  - Water hyacinth has invaded the Amazon basin.
7. Watch the video and answer the questions <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar0CX8dj948>

biosphere		
homogenization		
species		
natural habitats		
biodiversity		
hierarchy	'haɪə,rɑrki, 'haɪrɑr-	
hierarchical	,haɪə'rɑrki kəl, haɪ'rɑr-	
invasion; invasive	ɪn'veɪʒən; ɪn'veɪsɪv	
menace	'mɛnɪs	
algae, alga	'æl dʒi; -gə	
inadvertently	/,ɪnəd'vɜrnt/	unintentional/,ʌnɪn'tɛnʃənl/
persistence	pə'r'sɪstəns	continued existence or occurrence
deliberate		intentional
ultimately	finally, in the end	
innocuous	ɪ'nɒkjʊəs	harmless
detriment	'dɛtrəmənt	loss, damage=škoda, újma
laden	'leɪdn	naložený
ballast water	'bæləst	any heavy material carried temporarily or permanently in a vessel to provide desired draft and stability
sewage	'suɪdʒ	the waste matter
fungicides	'fʌndʒə,sɑɪd, 'fʌŋgə-	
vigor	vɪgər	force of healthy growth in any living matter or organism, as a plant
niche	nɪʃ	
alien	eɪljən	
pelagic	pə'lædʒɪk	living or growing at or near the surface of the ocean, far from land, as certain organisms
larva; larvae	'lɑrvə; -vi	
fluctuation	,flʌktʃu'eɪʃən	
swath	swɔθ	a strip, belt, or long and relatively narrow extent of anything
aquatic	ə'kwætɪk, ə'kwɒt-	
ubiquitous	ju'bɪkwɪtəs/	existing or being everywhere

adjective  
+  
**species**

**species**  
+  
verb

adjective  
+  
**biodiversity**

adjective  
+  
**ecosystem**

adjective  
+  
**habitat**

**ecosystem**  
+  
verb

**population**  
+  
verb