

# EXTINCT

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**Synopsis:** Ditty and Daphanie teach the audience about conservation.

**Concepts:** Speak clearly and enunciate. Miscommunication can cause problems. Hypotheses on the major causes of mass extinctions. Conservation. Smart shopping. Habitat protection.

Ditty

Daphanie (dinosaur)

Ditty: Hello. I want to introduce you to Daphanie. Daphanie was a dinosaur, so in reality she is extinct now.....

(Ditty calls to off stage) Oh Daphanie!!!!

Daphanie: BooooHoooooo

Ditty: Daphanie, what is wrong?

Daphanie: Boo HHHHHHoooooooooooo!!!!

Ditty: But Daphanie!?! What is wrong?

Daphanie: BBBB0000000 HHHHH000000 .

Ditty: Whoa!!! Daphanie... you are dampening our friends!!! Stop crying a second and tell us what is wrong.

Daphanie: You said that I STINK!!!

Ditty: I said what??

Daphanie: You said that I stink... You said that I really stink....I heard you!!

Ditty: You really stink? (Puzzled) No!! Wait!!! What I said was that you are really extinct.

Daphanie: (No tears) Really EX Tinct?? What is Ex Tinct?

Ditty: Extinct.... Ummm .. it means that you, and your kind, are not around any more. They are gone. Dead. Vamoose!! Extinct.

**Daphanie:** Oh... Dead ... Extinct... but if I am extinct... why are you here?

**Ditty:** Well.... A long time ago something happened that caused you and all of the dinosaurs to die.

**Daphanie:** What happened?

**Ditty:** Well no one is certain. Maybe it was a volcano that erupted, maybe it was something else, but you died.

**Daphanie:** If I died, how come you and other plants and animals are not extinct, too.

**Ditty:** Watch it, Daphanie, I am not a plant. But some things adapted and survived while others died.

**Daphanie:** Are animals and plants still becoming extinct?

**Ditty:** Yep!! Every year there are many species, some of them we have not even identified yet that become extinct.

**Daphanie:** WOW!!! Bad news!! What can we do to protect those plants and animals??

**Ditty:** Well, we can be very careful about handling materials that might pollute our water and air. Thinking about the safest choices before we buy, using only what we need and recycling any leftovers.

**Daphanie:** Will that keep others from becoming extinct??

**Ditty:** It will help but we also need to be careful about over fishing and over hunting particular species and protecting their habitat, the places where they live and breed.

**Daphanie:** Like the forests, woods and wetlands in Louisiana??

**Ditty:** Exactly!!! By protecting all of our resources in Louisiana and all around the world, we can begin to slow the rate at which plants and animals are becoming extinct.

**Daphanie:** Extinct... that is a pretty good word.....extinct.... Hey, kids!! Lets work together to keep any more plants and animals from becoming like me... extinct!!!

**(optional) Ditty do you have a song we could sing about  
EXTINCT??**

**Ditty: Sure, Daphanie, to the tune of Rueben, Rueben, let's try this  
one.**

**SONG!!! Daphanie, Daphanie, We've got friends.  
Friends that we want to protect  
Some are big, some are small  
Some are nearly nothing at all.**

**Ditty, Ditty, what a problem!  
How can we protect our friends?  
Shopping carefully, disposing wisely  
Using only things we need!!**

**Daphanie, Daphanie, these are things.  
We can do to protect our friends.  
Keep them safe, keep them happy  
Keep our friends from becoming extinct**

**Daphanie: Great song Ditty!!... Who do we get to introduce next??**