

## The Audio

In this story, you will hear CBC journalist Adrienne Lamb discuss the issue of urban coyotes. Adrienne interviews a number of experts in Edmonton about the behaviour of coyotes living in the city.

### In this Audio, you will hear:

Radio journalist- Adrienne Lamb

Trapper – Bill Abercrombie

University biologist – Colleen Cassidy Sinclair

University student – Maureen Murray

### Predicting

Do you think there are now more coyotes living in Edmonton than there were twenty years ago? Why or why not?

**Now listen to the Audio** – *the introduction is here to help you get started...*

Adrienne	Bill Abercrombie climbs out of his pickup truck. The trapper is a big bear of a man.
Bill	Okay.
Adrienne	Six foot five with hands like dinner plates. He's been on a hunt for wild animals all his life, working trap lines from Alberta to Alaska. Today what he considers to be his most worthy foe: a coyote.

## Vocabulary

The words and phrases below are from the Podcast. The definitions are next to the words. Read the definitions then do the activity below.

Word from the text	Definition
1. foe/ adversary (noun)	opponent or enemy
2. traipsing (verb)	walking around tiredly
3. gathers (verb)	collects
4. creep up (phrasal verb)	get close to someone without being seen or heard
5. capture (verb)	catch something and keep it
6. decoys (noun)	models of animals (e.g., plastic ducks) that are used to catch real animals
7. impressive (adjective)	deserving of respect and admiration
8. prevalence (noun)	being common, frequent, or widespread
9. abundance (noun)	a large amount (usually of something good)
10. fever pitch (noun)	a state of being very excited about something
11. tangling (verb)	having conflicts or problems with someone
12. selecting (verb)	choosing
13. absence (noun)	something or someone not being present
14. problematic (adjective)	causing difficulties that are hard to fix
15. primarily (adjective)	mostly
16. adaptable (adjective)	able to change to fit into a new situation successfully

Use the vocabulary words (questions 1-16) above to complete the sentences. The first one is done for you. (answers can be found in the appendix)

- Both of the job applicants had very **impressive** resumes. One went to Harvard and the other speaks 4 languages.
- I have been \_\_\_\_\_ all over the city trying to find a dress for my sister's wedding.
- It will be very \_\_\_\_\_ for our company if any more supervisors quit this month.
- You need to \_\_\_\_\_ all of the facts before you make a decision.
- You will find it very difficult to move to a new country if you aren't \_\_\_\_\_.
- You need to stop \_\_\_\_\_ with him. I think he could be dangerous.