

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 5

Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

#### Vocabulary Words

extinction

revive

collaborate

captive

habitat

endangered

plantation

poacher

smuggled

interventions

impersonate

deplorable

species

ecosystems

catastrophic

**Hint:** When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

#### All About the Animals

There are an innumerable amount of animal **species** in existence on the earth. Some are what we consider domesticated, others are wild, and still others are held **captive** for different reasons. Those that are held captive may be in a zoo or may be part of a group that is being **smuggled** into a new area to serve as pets, food, or trophies. Some have been known to **impersonate** caring organizations only to sell the animals. This is how many animals become **endangered**, because too many are hunted by **poachers** for trophies or wanted as exotic pets for eccentric collectors. Though many organizations create **interventions** that stop poaching, no one is 100% effective.

Sometimes animals are hunted to **extinction**, but other times, their **habitat** is so damaged by people moving into the area to create a **plantation**, farm, or home that they simply die out from lack of available food sources. At times, people moving into an area does not directly affect the animals, but does pollute their **ecosystems** enough to cause issues. It is highly time consuming to try to **revive** an area to make it fit for wildlife once again. This can be **catastrophic** to a species that cannot survive just anywhere, but needs a specific combination of resources to remain. This is **deplorable**, but something people have done since the beginning of time in the name of progress. We must **collaborate** together to make sure our animals remain wild and free, sharing the earth with humans.

