

Directions: Callie had to write a speech to tell her class about what happens to poachers. Help her fill in the missing words to complete her speech.

Poachers are not always easy to catch in the act. Some poachers trap or shoot fish to either mount as a trophy or to sell as pets when they are not truly meant to be pets. Other poachers focus on larger animals to hunt, kill, or capture to keep as pets like monkeys, tigers, or even exotic snakes. For those that capture animals for resale, they are often caught during a police _____ (*excursions, raid, tactics*). However, the true goal is to _____ (*thwart, nexus, coastal*) the poachers before they ever capture or kill an animal.

One way that _____ (*sniper, allies, punitive*) of animals do this is to form a human _____ (*destination, raid, bulwark*) to physically block poachers from getting into or out of certain areas. This is not always safe or even smart, but has been effective in some cases. It can be difficult to even find or identify poachers because they often hide away in small hunting cabins or _____ (*nexus, violator, ramshackle*) little huts until it is safe to move the animals. If they do manage to move the animals, it can be even more difficult to locate the poachers. Worst yet, poachers can take _____ (*excursions, destination, raid*) almost anywhere and then send the animals to any _____ (*allies, destination, coastal*) that it is needed.

When police do get word of a _____ (*punitive, sniper, violator*) they do their best to _____ (*nexus, foil, tactics*) the operation. Police use different _____ (*tactics, migratory, sniper*) to accomplish this. Hopefully, poachers can be stopped for good in the future.





Answer Key

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raid

thwart

allies

bulwark

ramshackle

excursions

destination

violator

foil

tactics