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**Lesson FIVE Vocabulary**

***All the words in this lesson may be associated with nature and wildlife.***

**Adaptable:** adj. capable of changing or adjusting *(This adaptable animal will survive in either a hot or cold climate.)*

**Captivity:** n. confinement *(The eagle was kept in captivity until its broken wing had healed.)*

**Chameleon:** n. a lizard that is able to change its color *(The chameleon was difficult to see because it blended in with the green leaves.)*

**Cottonwood:** n. a tree having soft, white, downy clusters of seeds *(We have two trees, an elm and a cottonwood, in our backyard.)*

**Grassland:** n. an area with grasslike vegetation, such as a meadow or pasture *(The horses were grazing on the grassland.)*

**Gruesome:** adj. awful; repulsive *(Watching the tiger kill the deer was a gruesome sight.)*

**Innate:** adj. possessed at birth; inborn *(Some animals have an innate sense of smell that warns them of danger.)*

**Longevity:** n. a long life *(The tortoise is known for its longevity.)*

**Lush:** adj. having to do with abundant growth or vegetation *(A lush garden requires fertile soil and plenty of water.)*

**Menagerie:** n. a collection of wild or unusual animals *(The wildlife reserve is a menagerie of endangered species.)*

**Mockingbird:** n. a bird that is able to mimic other birds *(We couldn’t tell whether a mockingbird or a bluejay made the sound.)*

**Nomenclature:** n. a system of names or terms *(Species, genus, and family are words used in biological nomenclature.)*

**Pastoral:** adj. having to do with the country; rural *(The artist’s love of nature was reflected in his pastoral scenes.)*

**Remote:** adj. located far away *(In order to see a wild boar, the safari traveled to a remote part of the jungle.)*

**Ruddy:** adj. of a reddish color *(They came in from the cold with ruddy cheeks.)*

**Sanctuary:** n. an area in which animals or birds are protected from hunting *(People like the park because it is a sanctuary for elk and buffalo.)*

**Specimen:** n. an individual or a part representative of a class or group *(This four leaf clover is a perfect specimen.)*

**Spectacle:** n. an object of interest or curiosity *(My favorite spectacle at the zoo is the very long neck of the giraffe.)*

**Summit:** n. the highest point (No one has climbed to the summit of that mountain.)

**Vital:** adj. necessary; essential *(Before much more harm is done, it is vital that we stop polluting our rivers.)*

**Directions:** Choose the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

1. It took days to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the country.
   1. Innate b. remote c. ruddy d. adaptable
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this animal may be due to its diet.
   1. Longevity b. menagerie c. chameleon d. sanctuary
3. The students knew that the \_\_\_\_\_ was an acorn.
   1. Chameleon b. cottonwood c. summit d. specimen
4. Some cacti are not \_\_\_\_\_ to a humid environment.
   1. Vital b. adaptable c. gruesome d. pastoral
5. What are the differences between the leaves of a \_\_\_\_\_ and an oak?
   1. Summit b. nomenclature c. cottonwood d. captivity
6. One of the most popular parts of the circus was its \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Grassland b. captivity c. menagerie d. specimen
7. Very few people can recognize the song of a \_\_\_\_\_
   1. A. cottonwood b. sanctuary c. longevity d. mockingbird
8. The robin is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ breast feathers.
   1. Ruddy b. innate c. remote d. lush
9. Farm animals are associated with \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings.
   1. Vital b. pastoral c. gruesome d. ruddy
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ changed colors right before our eyes.
    1. Menagerie b. chameleon c. summit d. cottonwood.

**DIRECTIONS: Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the same meaning as that in capital letters.**

1. SUMMIT 16. INNATE
   1. Conclusion c. hill a. vital c. crooked
   2. Debate d. peak b. hereditary d. abundant
2. LUSH 17. CAPTIVITY
   1. Friendly c. warm a. rural c. prison
   2. Foreign d. flourishing b. variety d. conversation
3. SANCTUARY 18. GRUESOME
   1. Vegetation c. refuge a. likable c. thundering
   2. Collection d. shanty b. clumsy d. horrible
4. GRASSLAND 19. NOMENCLATURE
   1. Forest c. prairie a. belief c. zoology
   2. Abundance d. dirt b. loss d. classification
5. VITAL 20. SPECTACLE
   1. Needed c. small a. plan c. comment
   2. Edgy d. crowded b. specimen d. phenomenon