

Observing nature



Native Americans have a **long heritage of** being good (1) _____ of nature. **Over the centuries,** their lives have often **depended upon** their **skills in tracking** animals, reading the weather, and **finding their way** through forests and plains. From early (2) _____, they learned the ways of the **environment** in which they lived. Their eyes **became accustomed to** seeing the **shapes of** animals hiding in the wild. They noticed **prints left by** animals-a bent **blade of grass**, an (3) _____ stone, a **scuff of soil**. Their ears **picked up** faint, **far-off** sounds, and they (a) _____ sometimes smell **concealed prey**.

They (b) _____ also **make sense out of** the (4) _____ they **gathered**. Sounds, aromas, and sights meant as much to them as telephones, radios, and televisions mean to us. By observing nature, they knew what was going on around them, where they (c) _____ find food, and when they (d) _____ **seek shelter**.



Today, **most of us** (d) _____ travel through our (5) _____ **without much thought**. We know where to find food, how to **stay safe**, and when to **take cover from storms**. Our **senses** are highly **developed toward life** in cities and towns.

You (e) _____ **discover** that (6) _____ is all around us. But to **actually see** it and make sense of it, you (f) _____ need to learn new skills. In a way, it's like learning a **foreign** language-the language of the woods, the **prairies**, the forests, and the **peaks**. It's a **new way of using** all of your senses.

1. Fill in the gaps (from 1 to 6) with the suitable form of the words!

- 1) Observe
- 2) Children

- 3) Turn
- 4) Inform



- 5) Town
- 6) Natural

2. fill in the gaps (from 'a' to 'f') with one suitable modal word!

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3. WORD FORMATION – Natural world

- a) Jane' parents decided that her rat was an _____ pet.
- b) My dog never does what it is told, it's very _____.
- c) If wild animals had more _____ they wouldn't be in danger.
- d) Of course it's a daffodil! Its shape and color are _____.
- e) Many wild animals are shot by _____ simply for sport.
- f) An elephant has tremendous _____.
- g) Some animals can escape from a _____ cage.
- h) People who suffer from _____ should buy a pet.
- i) Everyone is worried about the _____ rainforests.
- j) Some people are afraid of dogs from early _____.

- SUIT
- OBEY
- PROTECT
- MISTAKE
- HUNT
- STRONG
- WOOD
- LONELY
- DESTROY
- CHILDREN