

Directions: Choose the correct word from the bank to complete the sentence.

attrition	circumvent	cohesive	grievous	inundate
oblivious	reticent	robust	sanction	vociferous

Illegal killings of gorillas are reducing their numbers far faster than would be expected from normal (1) _____ . Here is the story of one gorilla family.

Carrying spears and knives, hunters entered an African game preserve, where it was unlawful to kill or capture wildlife. When they spotted a young gorilla, they closed in. Ten adult gorillas, member of a(n) (2) _____ family group, attempted to shield the infant. The men quickly killed all the adults. As if (3) _____ to the infant's screams, the men strapped his hands and feet to bamboo poles with wire, then carried him down the mountain on which he'd been born.

After several weeks, Dian Fossey, and American studying gorillas in the wild, learned that the young gorilla had been taken to park officials. She found him in a cage so small that he had no room to stand or turn. He was clearly frightened and nearly dead –thirsty, starving, and with infected wounds at his ankles and wrists. Fossey could hardly believe that the officials could (4) _____ such reprehensible cruelty.

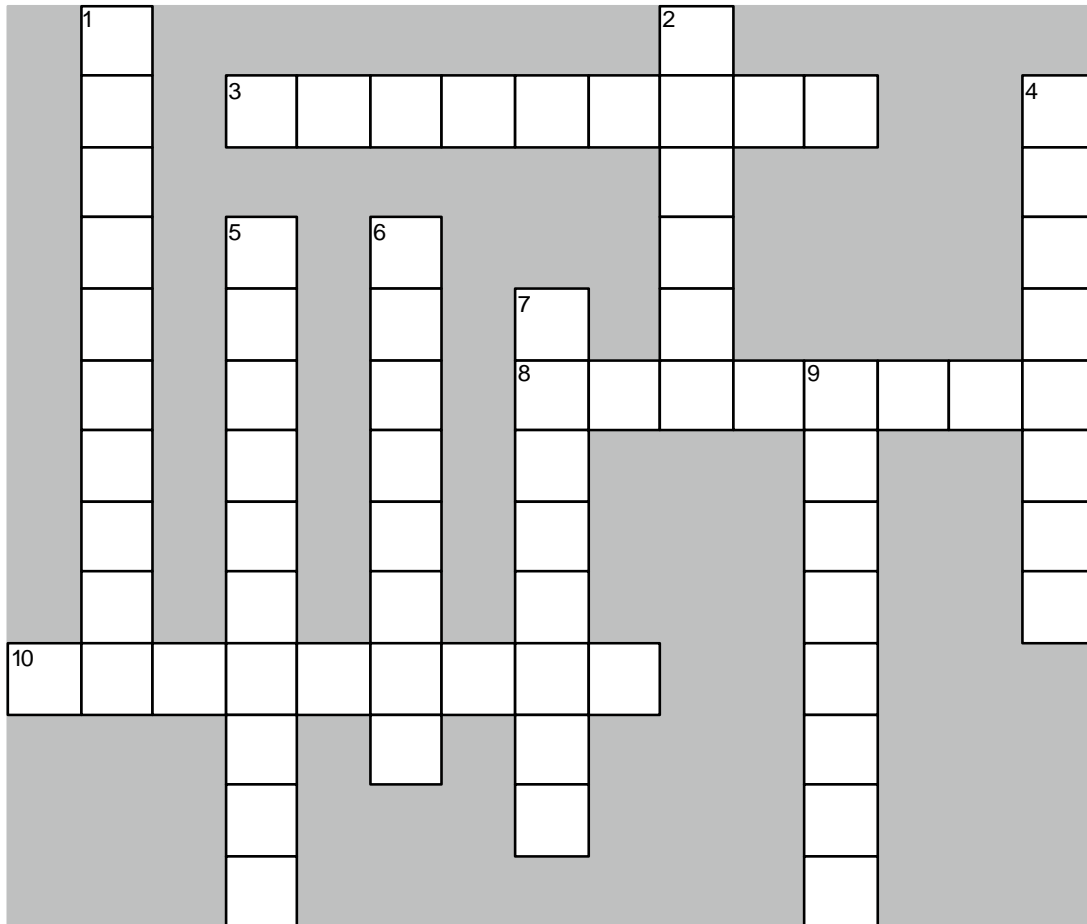
When Fossey demanded an explanation from the park's chief official, he seemed (5) _____ about the animal. Finally, however, he admitted that he had made an illegal deal with a German zoo. In return for a new car, he had arranged for the gorilla's capture. Fossey was (6) _____ in insisting that the infant be released into her care. The official agreed on the condition that the infant be shipped to the zoo as soon as his health returned.

For several months, Fossey cared for the infant, now named Coco, who would cling to her for comfort. When he became more (7) _____, he began to romp and explore. In an effort to (8) _____ the agreement to send Coco to the zoo, Fossey (9) _____ (e)d government officials with letters, begging them to step in and arrange for him to be returned to the wild. In the end, though, the little gorilla was taken away from her – a(n) (10) _____ hardship for both of them. Gorillas can live into their 50s, but Coco died in the zoo at the age of 12.

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, use each vocabulary word in a sentence with at least 8 words in it.

Unit 2 Vocabulary Chapter 7

Green Level



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ACROSS

- 3** unaware; failing to notice
- 8** quiet or uncommunicative; reluctant to speak out
- 10** a gradual natural decrease in number; becoming fewer in number

DOWN

- 1** to avoid by going around or as if by going around; to escape from, prevent, or stop through cleverness
- 2** healthy and strong; vigorous
- 4** to authorize, allow, or approve
- 5** noisy; expressing feelings loudly and intensely
- 6** to cover, as by flooding; overwhelming with a large number or amount
- 7** causing grief or pain; very serious or severe
- 9** sticking or holding together; unified