Complete each text (1-3) with the correct form of the words above it. Each text must be logical and correct in both grammar and spelling. Write the missing word in the space provided. There are two extra words.

1 **cut far grow lose purchase small turn**

Court sentences Door Tree vandal

A court in Hamden, Connecticut, has sentenced a local man, Curtis Pardee, to a supervised diversionary program, after he confessed to felling the Door Tree, one of the town's favourite landmarks. The court also ordered him to make a $500 contribution to a Nature Conservancy, plus a possible **1.1.** _____ payment of $750 to fund a commemorative plaque at the site of the fallen tree.
The Door Tree consisted of two white oak trees which **1.2.** _____ into each other over many years to form a doorway-like arch. The tree is estimated to have been almost 200 years old at the time of its destruction and was beloved by many locals.
Curtis claimed **1.3.** _____ down the tree out of hatred for his brother David, who was known as Mr Door Tree. Police managed to trace the culprit from scraps of litter that had been left scattered around the tree stump, as well as a container of chainsaw oil that **1.4.** _____ with his credit card. After being sentenced, Curtis apologised to the people of Hamden for his actions, but not to his brother.
The town has vowed to plant five new door trees in the coming weeks to replace the one that was cut down. The wood from the felled tree has been used to make pens for local people to help them remember their **1.5.** _____ landmark.

2 **find fortune predict see ship success try**

In 1971, Shirley McGreal was travelling through Bangkok Airport in Thailand when she came across a huge pile of crates filled with sad-eyed baby monkeys being prepared for export. She felt a surge of sympathy for the **2.1.** _____ creatures and vowed to devote her life to their plight. She contacted primatologists around the world and found out everything she could about the trade in monkeys and other primates. After two years, however, **2.2.** _____ and failed to find an organisation that could help her put an end to the export of primates, Shirley realised she would have to set one up by herself. Together with Ardith Eudey, an expert on the stump-tailed macaques that Shirley **2.3.** _____ at the airport, Shirley set up the International Primate Protection League (IPPL).
In one of the IPPL's first projects, a team of students spent 10 weeks monitoring all wildlife exports from Bangkok airport. Their **2.4.** _____ were shocking: 100,000 mammals, birds and reptiles had been exported during that period, many of them in appalling conditions. Within a few months, Thailand had banned the export of all primates.
The IPPL went on to have many other successes, including bans on the export of primates from India, Bangladesh and Malaysia and the dissolution of illegal smuggling operations involving medical research labs in the US. It's fair to say that without Shirley's work, millions of primates **2.5.** _____ around the world over the years.

3 **find hunt inspire long occur signify soon**

Dugongs, like whales and dolphins, are marine mammals which can **3.1.** _____ off the coasts of East Africa, India, South-East Asia and Australia. Their closest modern relative, Steller's sea cow, was hunted to extinction in the 18th century, leaving the dugong as the sole remaining species from the family Dugongidae. Humans **3.2.** _____ dugongs for thousands of years for their meat and oil and the practice still continues today in northern Australia and the Pacific Islands, where it has great cultural **3.3.** _____. Many dugong populations are believed to be close to extinction, largely due to fishing-related fatalities, habitat degradation and hunting.
Dugongs are thought **3.4.** _____ the legend of mermaids, creatures with the head and body of a woman and the tail of a fish, which have been found in the folklore of cultures all over Europe, Africa and Asia. Even today in the Philippines and parts of Malaysia and Indonesia, where the same word is often used for both dugongs and mermaids, the killing of a dugong, whether by accident or through hunting, is said to bring bad luck. As a result, dugongs remained plentiful in these regions until the 1970s. However, even in these regions, dugongs are no **3.5.** _____ safe as a result of increased human activity in the shallow coastal waters where they once thrived, and these magnificent creatures are now considered to be at risk of extinction.

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