



For questions 1-13, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

Answers from the Ice Age

We are all too well **1** _____ that the extinction of animal and plant species is one of the biggest and most horrifying threats **2** _____ our planet these days. Having said that, there has recently been some good **3** _____ out of Russia regarding something called regeneration - a(n) **4** _____ solution to this ever-growing problem.

Regeneration involves **5** _____ tissue from a plant or animal that has become extinct and 'bringing it back **6** _____ life. In recent Russian experiments, scientists took fruit and seeds from the underground burrow of a long-dead Siberian squirrel and **7** _____ to regenerate a beautiful flower called the *Silene stenophylla*. To **8** _____, it is the oldest plant to be produced from the innovative regeneration **9** _____.

Understandably, experts are over the **10** _____ about their success as it shows once and for **11** _____ that tissue can survive ice conservation for thousands of years. Those who participated in the regeneration of the flower are pleased and are now **12** _____ to find prehistoric squirrel tissue or perhaps even **13** _____ tissue from the great woolly mammoth, which could lead to the resurrection of those two species.

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| 1. | 1. read | 2. known | 3. informed | 4. aware |
| 2. | 1. heading | 2. facing | 3. confronting | 4. challenging |
| 3. | 1. news | 2. statements | 3. information | 4. reports |
| 4. | 1. likely | 2. probable | 3. possible | 4. expected |
| 5. | 1. moving | 2. bringing | 3. taking | 4. pulling |
| 6. | 1. in | 2. at | 3. for | 4. to |
| 7. | 1. managed | 2. directed | 3. succeeded | 4. conducted |
| 8. | 1. date | 2. month | 3. time | 4. year |
| 9. | 1. manner | 2. action | 3. practice | 4. process |
| 10. | 1. sun | 2. galaxy | 3. moon | 4. star |
| 11. | 1. any | 2. both | 3. all | 4. every |
| 12. | 1. hoping | 2. imagining | 3. wishing | 4. dreaming |
| 13. | 1. freezing | 2. frozen | 3. icy | 4. iced |



Silene stenophylla



Siberian squirrel