



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.

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