Unit 2: EXERCISE6

Read the information. Then read the sentences and look at the gaps. What type of information do you need to complete the gaps? Use the words in the box for your predictions.

In the IELTS Reading sentence completion task, it can be useful to first predict the *type* of information you should be looking for in the text. To do this, look carefully at the words before and after the gap.

- If the gap is before a verb + -s (e.g. *hunts, falls*), then the word in the gap must be a singular noun (e.g. *This __animal__ hunts at night*) or an uncountable noun (__*Snow falls*__ *all year round.*).

- If the gap is before a verb without -s (e.g. *hunt, fall*), the word in the gap must be a plural noun (e.g. *The* __*men* hunt__ *the lions at night.*) or a countable noun (e.g. __*Leaves fall*__ *from the trees.*).

- If the gap is after *very* but before a noun, the word in the gap must be an adjective (e.g. *This is a* **very** __dangerous__ *animal for the men to hunt.*).

a plural countable noun   a plural countable noun or an uncountable noun   an adjective   a singular noun

1. *The number of mammoths started to fall when their _____ got smaller.*

This word is probably_____ , e.g. *forests* or *land*.

2. *Mammoths had smaller _____ than modern elephants.*

This word is probably_____ , e.g. *feet* or *eyes*.

3. *Mammoths were very _____ animals.*

This word is probably _____ , e.g. *large* or *intelligent*.

4. *The _____ of a baby mammoth was found recently in the Arctic.*

This word is probably _____ , e.g. *body* or *skeleton*.