

2 Complete the interview with suitable words.

- predators
- flowers
- prey
- herbivores
- forests
- food chain



Keeping the balance right in the _____¹ is very important.

_____² have been cut down for wood ... Buildings are built on grassland ...

This means that there aren't as many plants and _____³ for butterflies, bees and other insects to feed on. So birds like kingfishers have fewer insects to eat, and their numbers go down.

It also means that there aren't as many plants for _____⁴, such as deer, to eat. So the deer find it hard to get food. And their numbers go down.

And this also means that _____⁵ at the top of the food chain, like mountain lions, have less _____⁶ to eat. So their numbers go down as well.