



Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

NATURE'S CHEATS

Anna is digging in the ground for a potato when along comes Paul. Paul looks to see what Anna is doing and then, seeing that there is no one in sight, starts to scream as (1) _____ as he can. Paul's angry mother rushes over and chases Anna away. Once his mum has gone, Paul walks over and helps himself (2) _____ Anna's potato.

Does this ring a bell? I'm sure it does. We've all experienced annoying tricks when we were young – the brother who stole your toys and then got you into (3) _____ by telling your parents you had hit him.

But Anna and Paul are not humans. They're African baboons, and playing tricks is as much a part of monkey (4) _____ as it is of human behavior.

Throughout nature, tricks like this are common – they are part of daily survival. There are insects that hide from their enemies by looking like leaves or twigs, and harmless snakes that (5) _____ poisonous ones.

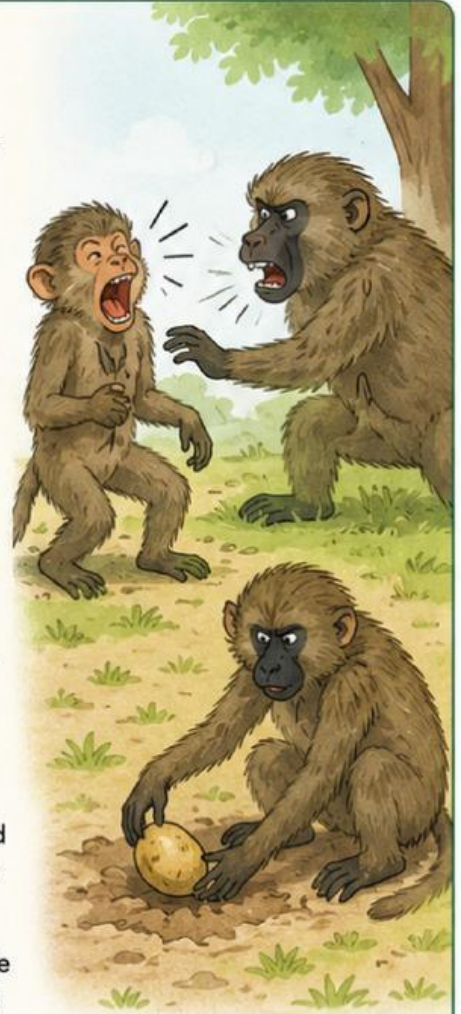
Some animals, however, go further and use a more deliberate kind of deception – they use normal behavior to trick other animals.

In most cases, the animal probably doesn't know it is deceiving, only that certain actions give it an (6) _____.

What about Paul the baboon? His scream and his mother's attack on Anna could have been a matter of chance, but Paul was later seen playing the same trick on others.

Another (7) _____ is the "Look behind you!" trick. When one young male baboon was attacked by several others, he stood on his back legs and looked into the distance, as if there was an enemy there.

The attackers turned to look behind them and lost interest in their (8) _____. In fact, there was no enemy.



1. A. loudly B. loudlyer
C. loud D. louder
2. A. with B. to
C. for D. at
3. A. problem B. mistake
C. trouble D. accident
4. A. behavior B. custom
C. activity D. action

5. A. copy B. imitate
C. follow D. repeat
6. A. advantage B. success
C. chance D. result
7. A. habit B. tactic
C. plan D. system
8. A. enemy B. victim
C. animal D. danger