Sam
Professor Wang _____ that finding the source of Covid-19's 'progenitor virus' would be like finding the **holy grail**. This expression - the holy grail - is associated with the cup believed to have been used by Jesus Christ at his last meal. It means something extremely _____ to find or get.

Neil

If you can discover the 'progenitor virus' then, in the words of Professor Wang – **that's brilliant!** – an exclamation meaning 'that's very good!' or 'amazing!'

Sam
So although bats are sometimes, wrongly, blamed for causing Covid, they are good friends to farmers, environmentalists, and scientists – as well as vampires! Are bats friend or foe? You decide. So anyway, what was the answer to your quiz question, Neil.

Neil
Ah yes, I asked Sam: How many different species of bat are there around the world? What did you say?

Sam
I said there were, b) two and a half thousand different species of bats. Was _ right?

Neil
You were close, Sam, but the correct _____ was… a) there are one and a half thousand different species of bats around the world. With so many I guess some of them might be friendlier than others.

Sam
Let's recap the vocabulary from this programme _____ the relationship between humans and bats, starting with **carnivores** which are animals that eat meat…

Neil
Insectivores, meanwhile, are animals, like most bats, that eat only insects.

Sam
A **pest** is an insect or _____ animal that is harmful or damages crops.

Neil
Bats eat pests **voraciously**, or very eagerly.

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Sam
The **holy grail** refers to something that's extremely difficult to find or get.

Neil
And finally, you can [ ] the phrase, **that's brilliant!** to say, 'that's [ ]!' or 'amazing!'

Sam
Once again our six minutes are up. See you again soon for more topical chats and trending vocabulary here at 6 Minute English.

Neil
And don't forget you can [ ] our app to find programmes on many more topics, from African animals to zodiac signs and zombies, [ ] here on the BBC Learning English website. Bye for now!

Sam
Bye bye!

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