

Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete what the wild monkey says with the given words from Units 13–16. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

alarming (*adj.*)attribute to (*phr. v.*)awareness (*n.*)edible (*adj.*)famished (*adj.*)fertiliser (*n.*)grocery chain (*n.*)neighbourhood (*n.*)perishables (*n.*)pesticide (*n.*)produce (*n.*)stumble (*v.*)

I live in a mountain. I mainly feed on wild fruits, but I sometimes sneak some fresh (1) _____ from a farm nearby. Their apples, berries and vegetables are delicious, but I usually go for the (2) _____ that are about to go off. To prevent myself from getting sick, I will check whether the food is (3) _____ or not. I also notice that farmers have been using a lot of chemical (4) _____ to kill harmful insects, and (5) _____ to make plants grow well. When I get really (6) _____, I will (7) _____ to the nearby (8) _____ to see if I can get anything.

Some of my friends go to the (9) _____ where humans keep feeding them. Some lost their ability to survive on their own. I think this (10) _____ situation can be (11) _____ human's insufficient (12) _____ of animal protection. Humans like to feed us with fruits, bread or even candies. I appreciate their kindness of trying to prevent us from starving, but this act is actually harmful to us. It may make some of us ill or completely lose the survival skills to live in the wild and eventually starve to death.

