

EXERCISE 1

Answer the questions.

1. Popular interest in these **minute** plants is increasing dramatically. What does 'minute' mean? _____
2. **Retailers** even have plans to promote these 'windowsill water lilies' as the next craze in houseplants. Another word for retailers is _____.
3. How small is the thermal water lily pad? _____
4. Name the world's largest water lily. _____
5. Does the **thermal** water lily grow in cold, cool or warm water? _____
6. What makes the thermal water lily attractive as a household plant?

7. What is the difference between a botanist and a horticulturalist?

8. Identify three **compound words** in the article: _____,
_____, _____



EXERCISE 2

Match the words which are **antonyms**.

1. extinction	○
2. local	○
3. thermal	○
4. initial	○
5. minute	○
6. doomed	○
7. solution	○
8. thriving	○
9. future	○
10. smitten	○

○ enormous
○ despise
○ problem
○ dying
○ past
○ foreign
○ hopeful
○ cool
○ survival
○ final



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GROUP ACTIVITY

Rafflesia is the world's biggest flower and its home is in the Malaysian jungle.

Conservation programmes are set up to save this flower from going extinct.

Research this flower (e.g. what does it smell like) and write a paragraph about it in about 100 words.



Rafflesia keithii bloom, approximately 80 cm in diameter
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