

EXERCISE 1

Answer the questions.

- Popular interest in these **minute** plants is increasing dramatically. What does 'minute' mean? small/tiny
- Retailers** even have plans to promote these 'windowsill water lilies' as the next craze in houseplants. Another word for retailers is sellers/salesmen.
- How small is the thermal water lily pad? 1cm across
- Name the world's largest water lily. Victoria amazonica
- Does the **thermal** water lily grow in cold, cool or warm water? warm
- What makes the thermal water lily attractive as a household plant?  
It can grow in a coffee mug, thrive in a sunny location, is easy to maintain and overwatering is not a problem.
- What is the difference between a botanist and a horticulturalist?  
They both study plants but a horticulturalist grows them as well.
- Identify three **compound words** in the article: windowsill, houseplants, worldwide



EXERCISE 2

Match the words which are **antonyms**.

1. extinction	●	●	enormous
2. local	●	●	despise
3. thermal	●	●	problem
4. initial	●	●	dying
5. minute	●	●	past
6. doomed	●	●	foreign
7. solution	●	●	hopeful
8. thriving	●	●	cool
9. future	●	●	survival
10. smitten	●	●	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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