Goat vs Bear - Student Handout

Apex predators make (1) ….. to the top (2) ……. being the most efficient hunters in their domain, but every now and (3) …... an underdog crops up to disrupt the food chain. (4)…….. an example played out on the mountains of Burgess Pass in Yoho National Parkwhere Parks Canada retrieved the body of a female grizzly bear. Such a creature would usually (5) …... the slayer rather than t he slain, and most surprisingly of all the assailant turned (6) …... to be a goat.

The battle (7) ……. place sometime before September 4 after which Parks Canada was made aware (8) …... the presence of a carcass. Bodies such (9) ….. these need to be removed as they can otherwise lure in wildlife that could put visitors to the pass (10) …... risk.

The discovery of a slain bear merits a forensic investigation to determine the (11)……... of death, and so a necropsy (12) …... conducted on the animal. During the examination, staff noticed that the fatal wounds were at the base of the bear’s neck and in (13) ……. armpits. The attack sites might sound random to the uninitiated, but to experienced park rangers, this was the work (14) …... one extremely lucky mountain goat.

“When grizzly bears attack, they tend (15) ….. focus (16) ……. the head, neck, and shoulders of the prey, usually (17) ……. above,” Alison Biles, Public Relations and Communications Officer for Parks Canada, told IFLScience. “In turn, the defensive response of mountain goats would (18) …... to protect themselves using (19) ……... sharp horns."

“Grizzly bear predation of mountain goats is relatively common and significant goat activity was observed (20) ….. the immediate area. (21) …... this case, it appears that the mountain goat was (22) …….. to defend itself. While rare, other cases of mountain goats defensively killing bears have (23) …….. reported in the past, (24) ……. is not completely surprising since mountain goats are strong animals that are well-equipped to defend (25) ………....”

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*Find words or phrases in the text to match these definitions:*

1. Animals at the top of the local food chain.
2. Someone in a game or fight who has little chance of winning.
3. A killer.
4. The dead body of an animal.
5. Attract.
6. Where your arm meets your chest.
7. People without experience.
8. A person who patrols and maintains a national park.
9. To have the tools to do something.

*Complete the collocations from the text:*

1. **……. it to the top**
2. **Every …… and then**
3. Such …. example
4. The assailant **…… out to be** a goat
5. The battle **took ……** sometime before September 4
6. Parks Canada was **……. aware of** the presence of a carcass.
7. **Put** visitors **at …….**
8. An investigation to determine the **cause of ……..**

*Complete the sentences with one of the collocations:*

1. The police still aren’t sure of the ……………………….
2. I don’t go out often but ……………………… I like to meet up with friends and let my hair down.
3. His carelessness …….. everyone on board the ship ……………….., it can’t happen again.
4. I have been …………………………… some complaints that customers have made and I would like to address them.
5. The match will …………………………. tonight at the usual address.
6. To ……………………….. in this industry you have to work very hard and get lucky.
7. We thought it was a shark under the boat but ……………………….. a piece of rubbish.

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