Lesson 10  Review Exercise

1. Manatees, seals, dolphins, and whales have something in common. They are all ___________ mammals.

2. Manatees are among the largest of marine mammals. These ___________ creatures can grow to twelve feet and weigh up to 3,000 pounds.

3. Manatees present no threat to humans. In fact, these ___________ creatures seem to enjoy the company of humans.

4. The number of boats on Florida's coastal waters continues to increase. There is no prospect that the number of boats will ___________ in the future.

5. Boating is important to Florida's economy. However, the claim that boats and manatees can coexist safely ___________ on the ridiculous.

6. Collisions are common between boats and manatees. These encounters are often ___________ for the manatee.

7. The harm comes from contact with the boat's propellers. These collisions could be ___________ if motor boaters were more careful.

8. A third of all manatee deaths are boat-related. In as many as nine out of ten of those deaths, the manatee was ___________ by boat propellers.
9. Manatees feed just below the surface. These slow-moving creatures are not _________ enough to avoid collisions.

10. Many scientists doubt the ability of the manatee to survive. Some even _________ that these creatures could one day become extinct.

11. A close watch is kept on the manatee population in Florida. Authorities are _________ about tracking and counting them.

12. Congress stepped in to save the manatees. The Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed to lessen their _________.

13. To save the manatees, boaters must treat their survival as a matter of urgency. Unless this happens, the manatee faces a _________ future.

14. Boaters have a responsibility to the manatees. They need to _________ their behavior carefully when operating where manatees are present.

15. In the past, boaters were indifferent to the presence of manatees. They need to take a less _________ approach in the future.