Lesson 15 Review Exercise

1. Are wolves a threat to humans? Let us ________________ to the judgment of the Canadian trapper and agree that they are not.

2. There is no record of an unprovoked attack by a wolf on humans. The animal’s ________________ reputation as a vicious killer is completely undeserved.

3. The “big bad wolf” is a feature of many children’s stories. These tales convey a sense of ________________ to children who like being scared while also feeling safe.

4. The wolf was once regarded as vermin to be shot, trapped, or poisoned. Today, we take a more ________________ approach to this magnificent creature and try to protect it.

5. Very few people today look upon the wolf as vermin. That view of this much misunderstood creature has now been thoroughly ________________.

6. Wolves actually help grazing animals by hunting them, although that may sound ________________ at first.

7. Wolves ________________ the herd of its weaker members and strengthen the herd as a whole.

8. A wolf must be able to move swiftly and for long periods when hunting. This takes physical strength and ________________.
9. Different wolf sounds have different meanings. Snarling is the way that an older wolf
__________________ a young one in need of correction.

10. Wolves seem able to anticipate future events. Why else would they
__________________ from attacking a herd whose numbers have been seriously
depleted?

11. Wolves defend their territory and will attack other wolves that intrude. When they smell
the approach of another pack, they become ________________ and start howling.

12. Park rangers keep a careful watch on the wolf population at Yellowstone Park. It's
important for them to ________________ the precise number of wolves in the area.

13. Tagging wolves with radio transmitters is one method used. A system of
__________________ from low-flying aircraft is another.

14. Today there are about 1,645 wolves in the greater Yellowstone area. The packs are
expected to ________________ themselves now that they are well established.

15. Twelve wolf packs inhabit Yellowstone Park itself. The area is large enough to support
that many without one pack ________________ on another's territory.