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**LOSING THEIR TUSKS** PAGE 14**DIRECTIONS:** Match each item in the left column with its definition in the right column.

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| _____ 1. poach                | a. the process in which natural factors influence which traits occur more often in a population                                    |
| _____ 2. trait                | b. an inherited characteristic of an organism  |
| _____ 3. molar                | c. the community of organisms interacting with their physical environment  |
| _____ 4. tusk                 | d. to illegally hunt or kill an animal   |
| _____ 5. gene                 | e. an elongated pointy tooth on an elephant  |
| _____ 6. natural selection    | f. the gradual change in the genes of a population that occurs because of selection  |
| _____ 7. artificial selection | g. a unit of hereditary material   |
| _____ 8. ecosystem            | h. the process by which human-related factors change the traits that occur in a population   |
| _____ 9. evolution            | i. a trait that has begun to occur more often in the Gorongosa elephant population in which those elephants are born without tusks |
| _____ 10. tusklessness        | j. a large flat tooth that is used to grind food   |