(10t) Fill-in the gaps with an appropriate word from the box.

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| predator | declining | beetles | questionable |
| booming | supposedly | prey | fragile |
| deadly | toad | frog | bug |
| devours | tadpoles | larvae | souvenirs |
| durable | delicate | befriends | beetle |

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