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name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Foolish Malawi was destroying the savanna because she was in a bad mood. One hot \_\_\_\_\_, Malawi was in a bad \_\_\_\_\_ so she stamped over to the \_\_\_\_\_ hole and splashed and thrashed until the water was brown and \_\_\_\_\_. Next, she stamped over to a patch of fresh, \_\_\_\_\_ grass and rolled around until it was \_\_\_\_\_ and flattened. Then, angry \_\_\_\_\_ pushed over the only \_\_\_\_\_ on the savanna by leaning on it with her heavy body. The next day, the \_\_\_\_\_ was destroyed and Malawi could not eat, \_\_\_\_\_, or sit in the shade. Just then, an old, wise \_\_\_\_\_ arrived and told Malawi, "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the savanna, take care of it!" Finally, sorry Malawi took \_\_\_\_\_ of the savanna and didn't let anybody destroy \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Malawi ***thrashed*** around in the water hole. What does the word ***thrashed*** mean in this sentence?  
 Malawi took a bath.  
 Malawi got a long cool drink.  
 Malawi moved around a lot.  
 The water hole was muddy and brown.
2. Malawi leaned ***against*** the tree. What does the word ***against*** mean in this sentence?  
 Malawi was looking at the tree.  
 Malawi's body was touching the tree trunk.  
 Malawi sat under the tree again.  
 Malawi crushed the fresh green grass.
3. Malawi ***crushed and flattened*** the fresh green grass. What does this mean?  
 The grass was standing up tall.  
 The grass was laying down flat.  
 The grass was green and healthy.  
 The grass was everywhere on the plains.
4. What is another word for ***plains***?  
 patch  
 pushed  
 grassland  
 fresh

5. Draw a picture of the plains with only a small **patch** of green grass.

6. What is a **seedling**?

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7. Number these sentences in the right order.

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8. Why did Malawi stamp around on the plains?

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9. How can you tell Malawi learned her lesson?

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10. Is this story fiction or non-fiction? Explain your answer.

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