

1. The journey across the hills was long and **arduous**, much of it having to be done on foot in temperatures of over 40°C.
2. Foxes are a common sight in our towns and cities, where they **forage** in dustbins, in gardens and on waste ground.
3. The cuckoo is a rare and **elusive** bird which is often heard but rarely seen.
4. The research they carried out was **exhaustive**, so by the time the project was complete, they knew everything they had to know about their subject.
5. The hotel we stayed in was a **mediocre** place, with small rooms, rather dull food and an uninspiring view of a car park.