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Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. An economic system uses _____, _____, and _____ resources to produce goods and services.
2. _____ are those products of Earth and its atmosphere that are useful to humans.
3. Plants and animals are _____. These resources are _____; they can replenish themselves over time.
4. Small, family-operated _____ were the norm in the state for centuries, but in the last few decades they have given way to _____ (farming thought of as a large business) companies.
5. Together, small _____ and the _____ in our state are the largest contributors to the state economy.
6. A _____ is an area rich in plants and animals where _____ are the predominant plant.
7. Forests and the _____ they support provide income opportunities for many North Carolinians.
8. North Carolina leads the nation in the production of upholstered and wooden household _____.
9. North Carolina is also a major producer of _____, with trees being grown in 70 of the state's 100 counties.

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10. _____ is the term used to describe animals that live in the state's diverse natural environments.
11. Other wild animals that are hunted or trapped in North Carolina are the _____, wild turkey, _____, and _____ like the squirrel, raccoon, and opossum.
12. North Carolina's many kinds of water _____ support a diverse population of _____.
13. _____ is an important economic activity in North Carolina.
14. _____ are natural substances found inside Earth. They are formed by slow _____ processes.
15. Unlike biological resources, mineral resources are _____.
16. The state leads the nation in the production of _____, lithium minerals, scrap mica, olivine, and pyrophyllite.
17. In North Carolina, _____ include textile mills, furniture factories, printing shops, and chemical plants.
18. Human beings are an _____ when they supply the labor—whether physical or mental—that transforms a resource into a _____ or _____.