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It was a/an _____ Adjective _____) afternoon in _____ Location _____), and the sun was _____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____).

There were _____ Number _____) of female sage grouse gathered around to watch a/an (_____ Adjective _____) display by the male grouse. One female, _____ Female Name _____), was feeling a little _____ Adjective _____) today because it was her first time at a lek. As a female, she would get to choose the most _____ Adjective _____) male of the group.

_____ Same Female Name _____) was a/an _____ Adjective _____) grouse, and she was curious as to how this mating strategy was sustainable. After all, if most females were mating with the same _____ Adjective _____) male, wouldn't genetic diversity be _____ Verb - Past Tense _____). "What a paradox!" _____ Verb - Past Tense _____). However, what she did not know was that many traits were condition dependent. That means that in _____ Adjective _____) times, genetic diversity is high, and in good times, it is the opposite.

_____ Same Female Name _____) was _____ Verb - Past Tense _____) with the first male, however, the second male was quite _____ Adjective _____). _____ Number _____) males displayed courtship behavior for a group of _____ Number _____) females ! However, only (_____ Fraction _____) of the males received mates. The females only chose the _____ Adjective - _____ Ends in EST _____) males, since the displays should be signals of the male's _____ Noun _____).