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Some animals have clever ways to protect themselves.

Most hermit crabs live in the sea.

They find hard **empty** shells to protect their soft bodies.

Hermit crabs find shells that are just the right size.



▶ Some ants have a clever way to get food.

They take care of tiny bugs called aphids.

▶ Those bugs make something called honeydew which is sticky and sweet.

The ants like to eat honeydew.

So the ants pet the aphids, and the aphids make more honeydew.



▶ A hippo is a large animal.

A hippo spends its day near water.

It may swim in a **stream** or a lake.

The hippo goes into the water to keep from drying out.

The water keeps the hippo cool.



▶ Hippos live where the hot sun shines.

Their skin makes a pink cream.

The cream is a kind of sunblock.

▶ It stops the sun from burning the hippo.

If you were outside all day when the sun **blazed**, you would need sunblock, too!



Some spiders have a clever way to catch food.

They spin a sticky web.

Bugs come flying or tumbling into the web.

Then the bugs get tangled in the web.



Some spiders use their web like a net.

The spider holds the web between its legs.

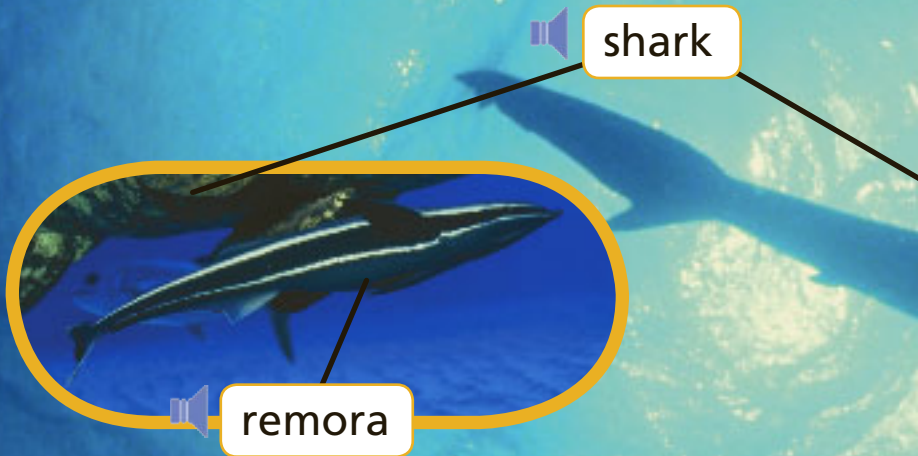
When a bug comes near the spider, the spider throws the net over the bug.

After the spider has **flung** its web, it eats the bug for dinner!



▶ The remora is a fish.
It lives in the ocean.
It has a clever way to keep safe.
It rides around on sharks!

▶ The remora has a disk on top of its head.
The disk helps the remora stick to the shark.



▶ The remora does not hurt the shark.

In fact, it helps the shark!

The remora keeps the shark clean.

Then it gets a **swift** ride on the shark.



Sometimes the remora swims into the shark's mouth!

The shark does not eat the remora.

They live together peacefully.

How clever!



shark

Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY **Word Builder**

A hippo can live in a **stream**. Make a chart listing some animals. Name the animal. Tell where it lives.

Animal	Where It Lives
shark	ocean



Write About It

Text to Text What other animals have you read about that live in a stream, river, lake, or ocean? Write a paragraph describing another animal. Use at least two words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

blazed

empty

flung

peacefully

stream

swift

tangled

tumbling



TARGET STRATEGY

Visualize Picture what

is happening as you read.



If you start stumbling, next you'll be _____.

Level: J

DRA: 18

Science

Strategy:

Visualize

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2.5.24 Build Vocabulary

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