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Common flower discovered to be meat eating

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Botanists have found that a common flower is actually carnivorous. The western false asphodel is found along the Pacific Northwest coastline of North America. It was first discovered in 1879. Botanists back then did not realise the flower was a meat eater. Researchers found that sticky, tiny hairs along the flower's stem produce a chemical used by other carnivorous plants to trap insects. A professor said: "We had no idea it was carnivorous."

There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species. The western false asphodel is the first to be found in 20 years. The professor believes "there might be more carnivorous plants out there". Another researcher said the asphodel is "unique" because "it traps insects near its insect-pollinated flowers". He added this was "like a conflict" between "carnivory" and survival. He said: "You don't want to kill the insects that are helping you reproduce."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a common | a. did not realise |
| 2. found along the Pacific Northwest | b. carnivorous plants |
| 3. It was first discovered | c. was carnivorous |
| 4. Botanists back then | d. stem |
| 5. sticky, tiny | e. flower |
| 6. along the flower's | f. hairs |
| 7. a chemical used by other | g. in 1879 |
| 8. We had no idea it | h. coastline |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. There are fewer | a. found in 20 years |
| 2. carnivorous plant | b. to kill the insects |
| 3. the first to be | c. "unique" |
| 4. The professor believes there might | d. reproduce |
| 5. Another researcher said the asphodel is | e. insects |
| 6. it traps | f. than 1,000 |
| 7. You don't want | g. be more |
| 8. helping you | h. species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Botanists have found that (1) _____ is actually carnivorous. The western false asphodel (2) _____ the Pacific Northwest (3) _____ America. It was first discovered in 1879. Botanists (4) _____ not realise the flower was a meat eater. Researchers found that sticky, tiny hairs along the flower's (5) _____ chemical used by other carnivorous plants to trap insects. A professor said: "We (6) _____ it was carnivorous."

There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species. The western false asphodel is the first (7) _____ in 20 years. The professor believes "there (8) _____ carnivorous plants out there". Another researcher said the asphodel (9) _____ "it traps insects near its (10) _____". He added this was "(11) _____" between "carnivory" and survival. He said: "You don't want to (12) _____ that are helping you reproduce."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CARNIVOROUS PLANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about carnivorous plants in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

