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Sponge Shrimp Colony

Multiple Sentence

Date: _____

In the center of a sea sponge that is resting on a coral reef, a sponge shrimp queen lays her eggs. / Worker shrimp near the eggs use their claws to scrape off bits of the sponge wall. When the eggs hatch, the worker shrimp feed the bits to the baby shrimp. / A small army of sponge shrimp patrols the channels of the sponge. If a hungry sea worm creeps into the sponge, one shrimp alerts the colony by snapping his claws. Then the rest of the patrolling shrimp attack the worm with their claws.



Vocabulary:

patrols: guards

channels: narrow passageways or tunnels

creeps: sneaks

alerts: warns

colony: a group of animals living together

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First Sentence: In the center of a sea sponge that is resting on a coral reef, a sponge shrimp queen lays her eggs.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the sponge shrimp queen? _____

2. the queen laying her eggs? _____

3. the sea sponge? _____

4. the coral reef? _____

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Second & Third Sentences: Worker shrimp near the eggs use their claws to scrape off bits of the sponge wall. When the eggs hatch, the worker shrimp feed the bits to the baby shrimp.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the worker shrimp? _____

2. the worker shrimp scraping? _____

3. the bits of sponge? _____

4. the worker shrimp feeding the bits to the baby shrimp? _____

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Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Sentences: A small army of sponge shrimp patrols the channels of the sponge. If a hungry sea worm creeps into the sponge, one shrimp alerts the colony by snapping his claws. Then the rest of the patrolling shrimp attack the worm with their claws.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What are you picturing for...

1. the army of sponge shrimp? _____


2. the sea worm creeping into the sponge? _____

3. the shrimp snapping his claws? _____


4. the rest of the shrimp attacking the worm? _____

Picture Summary:

Number your images in order. Here I saw...

 the worker shrimp scraping the sponge wall and feeding bits of the wall to the baby shrimp.

 a sponge shrimp queen laying eggs in a sea sponge on a reef.

 shrimp patrolling the channels of the sponge, a sea worm creeping into the sponge, and the patrolling shrimp attacking it.

Write a Word Summary:

Critical Thinking

Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

Sponge shrimp live in a sea sponge on a coral reef.

Sponge shrimp attack a sea worm that creeps into a sea sponge.

Sponge shrimp work together in a sea sponge to feed their young and protect the colony.

HOT Questions:

1. From what you pictured, why does the queen lay her eggs in the *center* of the sponge? _____

2. From what you pictured, why do worker shrimp feed the baby shrimp? Why doesn't the queen feed them? _____

3. From what you pictured, why does the story call the patrolling shrimp an "army"? _____

4. From what you pictured, why does the soldier sponge shrimp alert the colony? _____

5. What would you picture the sea worm doing if the sponge shrimp did not alert the colony? _____

