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Level 5 – 14th August, 2021

Common flower discovered to be meat eating

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Botanists have found a new, carnivorous plant. It is the western false asphodel - a white flower that is common along the Pacific Northwest coastline of the USA and Canada. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocent-looking flower was a meat eater. Researchers have recently discovered that sticky, tiny hairs along the flower's stem produce a digestive enzyme used by other carnivorous plants to trap insects. Professor Sean Graham from the University of British Columbia 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 discovered in 20 years. Professor Graham said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there." He believes people will be surprised that the familiar asphodel is a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said the asphodel is "unique" because "it traps insects near its insect-pollinated flowers". He added: "This seems like a conflict between carnivory and pollination because 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. Botanists have found a new, | a. enzyme |
| 2. a white | b. in 1879 |
| 3. common along the Pacific | c. was carnivorous |
| 4. first discovered | d. did not realise |
| 5. botanists back then | e. the flower's stem |
| 6. sticky, tiny hairs along | f. carnivorous plant |
| 7. a digestive | g. Northwest coastline |
| 8. We had no idea it | h. flower |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. fewer than 1,000 carnivorous | a. might be |
| 2. the first to be discovered | b. insects |
| 3. I suspect that there | c. you reproduce |
| 4. He believes people will | d. flowers |
| 5. it traps | e. plant species |
| 6. insect-pollinated | f. conflict |
| 7. This seems like a | g. in 20 years |
| 8. insects that are helping | h. be surprised |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Botanists have found a (1) _____. It is the western false asphodel - a white flower that is (2) _____ Pacific Northwest coastline of the USA and Canada. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but (3) _____ did not realise the innocent-looking flower was a meat eater. Researchers have recently discovered that (4) _____ along the flower's stem produce (5) _____ used by other carnivorous plants to trap insects. Professor Sean Graham from the University of British Columbia 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. Professor Graham said: "I (8) _____ might be more carnivorous (9) _____." He believes people will (10) _____ the familiar asphodel is a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said the asphodel is "unique" because "it traps insects near its (11) _____". He added: "This seems like a conflict between carnivory and pollination because you don't want to kill the insects that are (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CARNIVOROUS PLANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210814-carnivorous-plants-4.html>

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) _____

