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Common flower discovered to be meat eating

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THE ARTICLE

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

Botanists have discovered a new, carnivorous plant. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that is relatively common along the coastline of the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western coast. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocuous-looking flower was actually a meat eater. Researchers have recently determined that sticky, tiny hairs along the bloom's stem produce a digestive enzyme that other carnivorous plants use to ensnare and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a botanist with the University of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We had no idea it was carnivorous."

There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species known to scientists. The western false asphodel is the first to be discovered in 20 years. Professor Graham believes there may be more carnivores among our common flora. He said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there than we think." He believes many people will be surprised that the familiar asphodel is actually a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said: "What's particularly unique about this carnivorous plant is that 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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WARM-UPS

1. CARNIVOROUS PLANTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about carnivorous plants. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

discovered / carnivorous / plant / coastline / botanist / meat / enzyme / professor / species / scientists / flora / researcher / insect / conflict / pollination / reproduce

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BOTANY: Students A **strongly** believe botany should be a school subject; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CARNIVOROUS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "carnivorous". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

5. PLANTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best plants at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Venus fly trap
- Cactus
- Rose
- Bamboo
- Moss
- Pine tree
- Rice
- Ivy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. carnivorous | a. A substance produced by a living organism which acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction. |
| 2. relatively | b. Of a plant able to trap and digest small animals, especially insects; of an animal feeding on other animals. |
| 3. common | c. A flower, especially one cultivated for its beauty. |
| 4. innocuous | d. In relation, comparison, or proportion to something else. |
| 5. bloom | e. Not harmful or offensive. |
| 6. stem | f. Found or living in relatively large numbers; not rare. |
| 7. enzyme | g. The thin body of a plant from which leaves grow. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. species | h. A group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or interbreeding. |
| 9. flora | i. Create or make again. |
| 10. familiar | j. The plants of a particular region, habitat, or geological period. |
| 11. unique | k. An incompatibility between two or more opinions, principles, or interests. |
| 12. pollinated | l. Well known from long or close association. |
| 13. conflict | m. Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else. |
| 14. reproduce | n. Received pollen to allow fertilization. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The newly-discovered carnivorous plant is black and dark red in colour. **T / F**
2. The plant was originally discovered in the 19th century. **T / F**
3. The plant has sticky hairs on its stem which trap insects. **T / F**
4. A professor from Colombia did research on the plant. **T / F**
5. The last time a carnivorous plant was discovered was 20 years ago. **T / F**
6. The professor doubted more carnivorous plants would be found. **T / F**
7. The researcher said the new discovery would not really surprise people. **T / F**
8. A researcher said the plant is unique because it traps insects. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. discovered | a. trap |
| 2. common | b. notice |
| 3. realise | c. procreate |
| 4. determined | d. widespread |
| 5. ensnare | e. distinctive |
| 6. suspect | f. clash |
| 7. familiar | g. unearthed |
| 8. unique | h. well known |
| 9. conflict | i. found out |
| 10. reproduce | j. guess |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. relatively common along | a. flora |
| 2. It was actually first discovered | b. actually a meat eater |
| 3. the innocuous-looking flower was | c. unique about this |
| 4. sticky, tiny hairs along the | d. known to scientists |
| 5. ensnare and | e. be surprised |
| 6. 1,000 carnivorous plant species | f. the coastline |
| 7. among our common | g. bloom's stem |
| 8. He believes many people will | h. you reproduce |
| 9. What's particularly | i. in 1879 |
| 10. insects that are helping | j. eat insects |

GAP FILL

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

Botanists have discovered a new, (1) _____ plant. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that is (2) _____ common along the coastline of the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western (3) _____. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but (4) _____ back then did not realise the innocuous-looking flower was actually a meat eater. Researchers have recently determined that (5) _____, tiny hairs along the bloom's stem produce a digestive (6) _____ that other carnivorous plants use to (7) _____ and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a (8) _____ with the University of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We had no idea it was carnivorous."

enzyme
botanists
carnivorous
botanist
relatively
sticky
ensnare
coast

There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant (9) _____ known to scientists. The western false asphodel is the first to be (10) _____ in 20 years. Professor Graham believes there may be more carnivores among our common (11) _____. He said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there than we think." He believes many people will be surprised that the (12) _____ asphodel is actually a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said: "What's particularly (13) _____ about this carnivorous plant is that it traps insects near its insect-(14) _____ flowers." He added: "This seems like a (15) _____ between carnivory and pollination because you don't want to kill the insects that are helping you (16) _____."

familiar
flora
conflict
species
pollinated
discovered
reproduce
unique

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) This is a white flower that is relatively common _____
 - a. all long the coastline
 - b. along the cast line
 - c. all along the caste line
 - d. along the coastline
- 2) It was actually first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then _____
 - a. did not relish
 - b. did not realise
 - c. did not real eyes
 - d. did not real lays
- 3) first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the _____
 - a. innocuously-looking flower
 - b. inoculated-looking flower
 - c. in knock louse-looking flower
 - d. innocuous-looking flower
- 4) recently determined that sticky, tiny hairs along the bloom's stem produce _____
 - a. a digestively enzyme
 - b. a digestives enzyme
 - c. a digestive enzyme
 - d. a digest tiff enzyme
- 5) of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We _____"
 - a. had know idea
 - b. had no idea
 - c. had non idea
 - d. had now idea
- 6) There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species _____
 - a. knowing to scientists
 - b. knowhow to scientists
 - c. know in to scientists
 - d. known to scientists
- 7) The western false asphodel is the first to be discovered _____
 - a. in 20 years
 - b. on 20 years
 - c. din 20 years
 - d. dine 20 years
- 8) Professor Graham believes there may be more carnivores among _____
 - a. our common floral
 - b. our common fauna
 - c. our common flora
 - d. our common floorer
- 9) What's particularly unique about this carnivorous plant is that _____
 - a. it trips insects
 - b. it traps insects
 - c. it traipse insects
 - d. it tropes insects
- 10) carnivory and pollination because you don't want to kill the insects that are _____
 - a. helping you're produce
 - b. helping your produce
 - c. helping you reap produce
 - d. helping you reproduce

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Botanists have discovered a (1) _____. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that (2) _____ along the coastline of the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western coast. It was (3) _____ in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocuous-looking flower was actually a meat eater. Researchers have (4) _____ sticky, tiny hairs along the bloom's stem produce a (5) _____ other carnivorous plants use to ensnare and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a botanist with the University of British Columbia, told the (6) _____: "We had no idea it was carnivorous."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What colour is the new flower?
2. Where can the flower be found?
3. When was the flower initially discovered?
4. How do tiny hairs on the plant's stem ensnare insects?
5. What university does Professor Sean Graham work for?
6. When was the last carnivorous flower discovered?
7. Where did Prof. Graham think there might be more carnivorous plants?
8. How did Professor Graham think people would feel?
9. What did a researcher say was unique about the plant?
10. What did the researcher say it seemed like pollination conflicted with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What colour is the new flower?
 - a) violet
 - b) black
 - c) white
 - d) lilac
- 2) Where can the flower be found?
 - a) the Pacific Northwest
 - b) all over the US
 - c) northern Canada
 - d) in gardens
- 3) When was the flower initially discovered?
 - a) 1978
 - b) 1879
 - c) 1789
 - d) 1987
- 4) How do tiny hairs on the plant's stem ensnare insects?
 - a) they are magnetic
 - b) they are electrified
 - c) they are poisonous
 - d) they are sticky
- 5) What university does Professor Sean Graham work for?
 - a) the University of Colombia
 - b) the University of British Columbia
 - c) the University of Columbia
 - d) the University of Colombo
- 6) When was the last carnivorous flower discovered?
 - a) 200 years ago
 - b) 20 years ago
 - c) 12 years ago
 - d) 22 years ago
- 7) Where did Prof. Graham think there might be more carnivorous plants?
 - a) in gardens
 - b) in the jungle
 - c) in science fiction
 - d) out there
- 8) How did Professor Graham think people would feel?
 - a) amazed
 - b) surprised
 - c) afraid
 - d) interested
- 9) What did a researcher say was unique about the plant?
 - a) its colour
 - b) it traps insects near its flowers
 - c) its scent
 - d) its stickiness
- 10) What did the researcher say it seemed like pollination conflicted with?
 - a) carnivory
 - b) bees
 - c) pollen
 - d) nature

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Venus Fly Trap

You think a Venus fly trap is the best plant. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their plants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cactus, bamboo or moss.

Role B – Cactus

You think a cactus is the best plant. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their plants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Venus fly trap, bamboo or moss.

Role C – Bamboo

You think bamboo is the best plant. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their plants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cactus, Venus fly trap or moss.

Role D – Moss

You think moss is the best plant. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their plants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cactus, bamboo or Venus fly trap.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'meat' and 'plant'.

plant	meat

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• white• coast• 1879• sticky• agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• known• 20• flora• believes• traps• kill
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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.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'plant'?
3. What do you know about carnivorous plants?
4. What do you think of carnivorous plants?
5. What would life be like if there were human-eating plants?
6. What are your favourite plants?
7. What is the job of a botanist like?
8. How do carnivorous plants catch and eat their prey?
9. What three adjectives best describe this story?
10. What are the most interesting things about flowers?

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CARNIVOROUS PLANTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'meat'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the world's most useful plants?
15. Why do people like plants in their homes?
16. Why do people give flowers?
17. Is a carnivorous plant a good gift?
18. What do you know about the process of plant pollination?
19. What do you think of the plants in or around your house?
20. What questions would you like to ask the botanists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) relativity | (b) relatively | (c) relation | (d) relative |
| 2. | (a) an | (b) on | (c) in | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) inoculated | (b) innocents | (c) innocently | (d) innocuous |
| 4. | (a) fragrance | (b) stem | (c) pollen | (d) pollination |
| 5. | (a) share | (b) stare | (c) spare | (d) ensnare |
| 6. | (a) not | (b) non | (c) no | (d) known |
| 7. | (a) known | (b) knowing | (c) knows | (d) knowhow |
| 8. | (a) fauna | (b) fresco | (c) flora | (d) flue |
| 9. | (a) aware | (b) recognise | (c) popularity | (d) familiar |
| 10. | (a) unique | (b) ubiquitous | (c) arcane | (d) arachnid |
| 11. | (a) seems | (b) deems | (c) teems | (d) memes |
| 12. | (a) reproduce | (b) replicate | (c) duplicate | (d) copy |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. unoivscrrao plant
2. ealelrvyit common
3. an nuoncousi-looking flower
4. produce a devstgeii enzyme
5. sneaern and eat insects
6. a tsntoiab with the university

Paragraph 2

7. plant esiceps
8. among our common larfo
9. the afmaillr asphodel
10. What's particularly nqueiu about this
11. a conflict between carnivory and oiinltaplon
12. helping you erecorpdu

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () particularly unique about this carnivorous plant is that it traps insects near its insect-
- (**1**) Botanists have discovered a new, carnivorous plant. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that is relatively
- () many people will be surprised that the familiar asphodel is actually a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said: "What's
- () flora. He said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there than we think." He believes
- () of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We had no idea it was carnivorous."
- () common along the coastline of the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western
- () pollinated flowers." He added: "This seems like a conflict between carnivory and pollination because
- () There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species known to scientists. The western false asphodel is the first to
- () looking flower was actually a meat eater. Researchers have recently determined that sticky, tiny
- () use to ensnare and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a botanist with the University
- () you don't want to kill the insects that are helping you reproduce."
- () be discovered in 20 years. Professor Graham believes there may be more carnivores among our common
- () hairs along the bloom's stem produce a digestive enzyme that other carnivorous plants
- () coast. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocuous-

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. a have discovered carnivorous plant . Botanists new,
2. is flower A common . that white relatively
3. in first It discovered was actually 1879 .
4. a digestive enzyme . The produces bloom's stem
5. ensnare insects . Other it to plants use carnivorous
6. plant than fewer species . carnivorous are There 1,000
7. There be our carnivores among flora . more may
8. I there carnivorous might suspect more be plants .
9. insect-pollinated its It traps flowers . insects near
10. that the reproduce . insects are Kill you helping

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Botanists have discovered *a new / anew*, carnivorous plant. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that is *relative / relatively* common along the coastline *as / of* the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western coast. It was *actually / actual* first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocuous-looking *flower / flowery* was actually a meat eater. Researchers have recently *determining / determined* that sticky, tiny hairs along the bloom's *stem / stern* produce a digestive enzyme that other carnivorous plants *abuse / use* to ensnare and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a botanist *to / with* the University of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We had no *ideal / idea* it was carnivorous."

There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species *knowing / known* to scientists. The western false asphodel is the first to *be / being* discovered in 20 years. Professor Graham *beliefs / believes* there may be more carnivores among our *common / commonly* flora. He said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants *out / up* there than we think." He believes many people will be surprised that *the / a* familiar asphodel is actually a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qianshi Lin said: "What's *particular / particularly* unique about this carnivorous plant is that it *traipse / traps* insects near its insect-pollinated flowers." He added: "This seems like a conflict *among / between* carnivory and pollination because you don't want to kill the insects that are helping *you / your* reproduce."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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B_t_n_sts h_v_ d_sc_v_r_d _ n_w, c_rn_v_r__s pl_nt.
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f th P_c_f_c N_rthw_st _n th_ _S_ _nd _n C_n_d_'s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

botanists have discovered a new carnivorous plant it is the western false asphodel this is a white flower that is relatively common along the coastline of the pacific northwest in the usa and on canadas western coast it was actually first discovered in 1879 but botanists back then did not realise the innocuouslooking flower was actually a meat eater researchers have recently determined that sticky tiny hairs along the blooms stem produce a digestive enzyme that other carnivorous plants use to ensnare and eat insects professor sean graham a botanist with the university of british columbia told the npr news agency we had no idea it was carnivorous

there are fewer than 1000 carnivorous plant species known to scientists the western false asphodel is the first to be discovered in 20 years professor graham believes there may be more carnivores among our common flora he said i suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there than we think he believes many people will be surprised that the familiar asphodel is actually a carnivore coresearcher dr qianshi lin said whats particularly unique about this carnivorous plant is that it traps insects near its insectpollinated flowers he added this seems like a conflict between carnivory and pollination because you dont want to kill the insects that are helping you reproduce

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Botanists have discovered a new, carnivorous plant. It is the western false asphodel. This is a white flower that is relatively common along the coast line of the Pacific Northwest in the USA and on Canada's western coast. It was actually first discovered in 1879, but botanists back then did not realise the innocuous-looking flower was actually a meat eater. Researchers have recently determined that sticky, tiny hairs along the bloom's stem produce a digestive enzyme that other carnivorous plants use to ensnare and eat insects. Professor Sean Graham, a botanist with the University of British Columbia, told the NPR news agency: "We had no idea it was carnivorous." There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species known to scientists. The western false asphodel is the first to be discovered in 20 years. Professor Graham believes there may be more carnivores among our common flora. He said: "I suspect that there might be more carnivorous plants out there than we think." He believes many people will be surprised that the familiar asphodel is actually a carnivore. Co-researcher Dr Qian Shi Lin said: "What's particularly unique about this carnivorous plant is that 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."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BOTANY: Make a poster about botany. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CARNIVOROUS PLANTS: Write a magazine article about trying to turn carnivorous plants into herbivores. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on carnivorous plants. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on carnivorous plants. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. b	4. i	5. a
6. j	7. h	8. e	9. f	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- White
- The Pacific Northwest
- 1879
- They are sticky
- The University of British Columbia
- Twenty years ago
- Out there
- Surprised
- It trapped insects
- Carnivory

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Botanists have discovered a new, carnivorous plant.
- A white flower that is relatively common.
- It was actually first discovered in 1879.
- The bloom's stem produces a digestive enzyme.
- Other carnivorous plants use it to ensnare insects.
- There are fewer than 1,000 carnivorous plant species.
- There may be more carnivores among our flora.
- I suspect there might be more carnivorous plants.
- It traps insects near its insect-pollinated flowers.
- Kill the insects that are helping you reproduce.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. b 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)