

Name _____



Leafy Jaws

Circle the letter of the word or phrase that best explains the meaning of the underlined adjective in each sentence. Use your understanding of the nouns to help figure out the meanings.

1. A reputable nursery will sell only healthy plants.
 - a. famous
 - b. honest
 - c. large
2. A Venus flytrap is an endangered species in the wild.
 - a. its survival is threatened.
 - b. it is fierce and mean.
 - c. There are too many.
3. Domestic plants are grown in terrariums rather than their natural habitat.
 - a. leafy and green
 - b. raised by people
 - c. healthy
4. A carnivorous plant eats insects.
 - a. big and hairy
 - b. able to live on land and sea
 - c. able to catch, kill, and eat prey

Use your understanding of the nouns and adjectives to help figure out the meanings of some of the verbs you will be reading. Complete the sentences with the correct verbs.

detect devours doubled
secretes supplements



The carnivorous Venus flytrap _____ the nutrients it receives from the soil with the insects it captures and _____. To attract insects, the plant _____ a sweet nectar. When its leaves _____ an insect has landed on them, they close up and trap the prey. The Venus flytrap is such an amazing plant that botanists at first _____ its existence.

Practice reading words from the story. Read through the chart several times, trying to read a little faster each time.