



Reading *Russell the Mussel*

A Vocabulary Guide for Students and Educators

Attached	Connected or joined to something.
Biologist	A professional scientist who studies biology, such as the plant and animal life of a region or environment.
Bobbing	To move up and down in short movements.
Boulder	A large rock, usually rounded.
Clumsy	Lacking nimbleness or grace.
Darter	A small North American freshwater fish.
Distinct	Identifiable to the eye or mind as being not the same.
Erosion	The process of moving soil or rock by wind, water or ice.
Freshwater	Water that is not salty.
Gaping	Wide open.
Goggles	Protective lenses set in a flexible frame that fit snugly on the face over the eyes.
Fish Hatchery	A place for hatching fish eggs.
Hellbender	A large aquatic salamander, usually brownish-grey.
Heron	A long-necked, long-legged wading bird.
Knobs	A small rounded lump or handle.
Laboratory	A place for experimental study, observation or testing.
Mussel	A shellfish with two shells enclosing a soft body.
Ornate	Elaborate or excessive decoration.
Peering	To search or look curiously at something.
Pesticides	A substance (usually chemical) used to destroy insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or animals.
Pollution	Man-made waste that contaminates the environment.
Predator	An animal that kills and consumes other animals for food.
Puzzled	To think over a problem or situation.
Riffle	A small wave or succession of small waves.
Scurry	To move at a brisk pace.
Shiner	A small silvery fish.
Shoal	A sandbank or sandbar that makes the water shallow.
Slurp	To make a sucking noise while eating or drinking.

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Smother

To be overcome or killed through lack of air.

Undulating

Having a wavy surface, edge, or markings.

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