



Reading *Russell the Mussel*

A Vocabulary Guide for Students and Educators

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| 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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