

Part 1: Read the Passage

The Importance of Protecting Mangroves

Mangroves are special trees that grow near coastlines. Their tangled roots help protect land from strong waves and storms. Many animals, such as fish and birds, depend on mangroves for food and shelter. Unfortunately, mangroves are often cut down to make space for buildings. This destruction is harmful because mangroves prevent flooding and support marine life. Governments and communities should work together to protect mangroves so future generations can benefit from them.

Circle the correct meaning of each bold word.

1. The word **depend** most nearly means:
 - a) ignore
 - b) rely on
 - c) argue with
 - d) move away from
2. The word **destruction** most nearly means:
 - a) protection
 - b) repair
 - c) damage
 - d) growth
3. Which clue from the passage helps you understand the meaning of **destruction**?
 - “mangroves are often cut down to make space for buildings”
 - “This destruction is harmful because mangroves prevent flooding...”

Main Idea and Supporting Details

4. What is the **main idea** of the passage?
 - Mangroves are important to the environment and should be protected.
 - Mangroves help protect coastlines and support animals, so they need protection.

5. Write **two supporting details** from the text that support the main idea:

- Supporting Detail 1: Mangroves protect land from strong waves and storms.
- Supporting Detail 2: Many animals depend on mangroves for food and shelter

Author's Claim

6. What is the **author's claim**?

(What does the author believe or want the reader to think or do?)

Mangroves should be protected by governments and communities.

7. Which sentence best supports the author's claim?

- a) Mangroves grow near coastlines.
- b) Mangroves have tangled roots.
- c) Governments and communities should work together to protect mangroves.
- d) Some animals live near water.

Capital Letters

8. Rewrite the sentence below using **correct capitalization**:

mangroves help protect the coast from storms and flooding

Mangroves help protect the coast from storms and flooding.

9. Rewrite the sentence below using **correct capitalization**:

Governments and communities should protect nature.

Challenge Question

10. Why do you think the author chose to write this passage?

Explain using **evidence from the text**.

Acceptable answer:

- The author wrote this passage to explain why mangroves are important and to encourage people to protect them.
- Evidence example: Mangroves protect coastlines and support animals, and the author says they should be protected.