

Inside Reading Level 1
Unit 9 Skill Review: Identifying Definitions

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The Unit 9 Review Skill asks you to find definitions for *nutrients* and *algae* in Reading 1.

Let's take a look at a couple of other words that are key to the article. Read the sections below and then answer the questions. Notice that each sentence in the paragraph is numbered. Use these numbers to answer the questions.

Overfishing

1 Overfishing is one major threat. **2** Fish are being taken out of the oceans faster than the remaining fish can reproduce. **3** A big fish—tuna, cod, shark, or swordfish—yields many pounds of delicious seafood when it reaches maturity. **4** However, to meet the increasing demand for these fish, commercial fishermen began catching small, immature fish. **5** In the process, they almost destroyed the species. **6** Ocean scientists estimate that 90% of these big fish are now gone from the oceans, and about 30% of all fished species have been destroyed.

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4. Notice that sentence 2 uses the word *run-off*. In this case, the sentence before it, gives the definition. Reread sentence 1. Fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the definition of *run-off*.

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5. Sentence 2 gives additional information about run-off. Fill in the blanks to add to the definition of run-off.

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