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Understand Content Words

Practice

Read each paragraph below. Then write the meaning of each word in dark type and the context clues that helped you figure out its meaning. Write your answers on the lines and then print out this page.

Scientists used the samples, videos, and other data to expand our knowledge of living things in the Arctic Ocean. They learned that **zooplankton**, tiny animals that other ocean animals eat, could live more than a mile below the ocean’s icy surface. They also encountered jellyfish, sea stars, an octopus they named Oliver, and **crustaceans** with legs and antennae similar to lobsters, shrimps, and crabs in the Arctic’s **frigid** waters. The scientists noticed many plants and animals actually live in the sea ice. Team members might have discovered several new **species** of ocean animals—including three new species of bristle worm. By finding a wider range of plant and animal life than expected, the scientists learned more about the Arctic food web. Their work answered many questions about the Arctic.

1. **zooplankton** Definition:

Context clues:

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2. **crustaceans** Definition:

Context clues:

3. **frigid** Definition:

Context clues:

4. **species** Definition:

Context clues:

Before 1890 most immigrants arriving from **abroad** entered the United States at Castle Garden in New York City. Most of the immigrants were from England, Ireland, Germany, and the Scandinavian countries. People traveled across the Atlantic Ocean on crowded ships. The cheapest tickets were for **steerage** class. A steerage ticket provided the traveler a bunk on the lowest level of the ship where the air stank and there was no privacy. Ships delivered their passengers to a **pier**. From this landing place, passengers were taken to large buildings where they spent hours being **processed**. They stood in long lines where their papers were checked and they were inspected by doctors for signs of disease.

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5. **abroad** Definition:

Context clues:

6. **steerage** Definition:

Context clues:

7. **pier** Definition:

Context clues:

8. **processed** Definition:

Context clues:
