

## Title: The Pond Market

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

argument	beam	crawl	eagles	immense
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1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of sunlight came through the trees.
2. Babies \_\_\_\_\_ before they learn to walk.
3. They had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ about whose turn it was to do the dishes.
4. The Pacific Ocean is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ body of water.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are very fast birds that hunt other animals.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The market is in this place every night. T / F
2. The animals can speak and walk in the market. T / F
3. The caterpillar hides behind a plant during the argument. T / F
4. The birds come to buy fish at the market. T / F
5. The market disappears when the moon goes behind a cloud. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Everything changes at the pond very (slowly / quickly).
2. The animals think that shopping is (less fun / easier) than hunting for food.
3. One of the shoppers eats another (customer / can of food).
4. The pond animals (choose to/ have to) eat each other instead of buying food.
5. The Pond Market turned out to be just as (dangerous / good) as the world outside.

**C. Choose the best answer.**

1. Which is NOT mentioned as a way that animals get to the Pond Market?

- a. Crawling
- b. Walking
- c. Flying
- d. Swimming

2. What does the beetle hope for?

- a. She hopes she can shop there every night.
- b. She hopes the store has her favorite foods.
- c. She hopes she has enough money for her things.
- d. She hopes that the food she buys is delicious.

3. What do the lizard and the frog fight over?

- a. A box of food
- b. An insect
- c. A cart
- d. A plant

4. What does the mother duck protect her babies from?

- a. Angry shoppers
- b. All the fighting
- c. A hungry eagle
- d. An upset lizard

5. Which is true about the animals at the end of the story?

- a. They feel friendlier toward each other.
- b. They feel angry at the birds.
- c. They want to go back to their usual lives.
- d. They want the pond market to come back.

## Summary

**Fill in the blanks with the words.**

customer	realize	instant	chaos	approach
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The light from the full moon reaches the pond. Then a magical place comes out of the water in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the Pond Market. There are rows and rows of canned and jar food that only animals would like. The animals fly, swim and crawl to get to it. As they \_\_\_\_\_ the market, they are able to walk and talk like people. The animals soon \_\_\_\_\_ shopping is much easier than hunting. However, things start to go bad. One frog eats an insect in the store. But the insect wasn't for sale; he was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. Animals start arguing and fighting with each other over food. Some animals start eating other customers. Then the birds fly in and make things even worse. Now everyone is trying to get away from the market. It is in \_\_\_\_\_ and is just as dangerous as the wild. That night, as the moonlight disappears, the store disappears too. Everything is back to the way it was.