

STP - Week 2 – Language Arts Assessment

1. Select the correct option:

- 1 The **manta ray** / **seahorse** gets its name from an animal that people ride.
- 2 The **parrot fish** / **sea turtle** is named after a colorful bird that lives in tropical areas.
- 3 People often **snorkel** / **astonish** together to see the beautiful coral and fish.
- 4 Rivers are natural **marine parks** / **borders** that often separate countries.
- 5 People can sign a **law** / **petition** to save the sea turtles if they want to.
- 6 As they snorkeled, they could hear the **speedboat** / **seahorse** in the water.

2. Match the words with the definitions:

Law

Astonish

Manta ray

Parrotfish

Border

_____ : A fish that has huge winglike fins.

_____ : The set of rules that people in a society must follow.

_____ : The line between two countries, states, or towns.

_____ : A colorful fish that has jaws resembling a parrot's beak.

_____ : To surprise or amaze.

3. Complete each word with the suffix **-ent** or **-ence**:

- 1 Elephants, dolphins, and chimpanzees are some of the most intellig_____ animals in the world. Their intellig_____ has astonished scientists.
- 2 A leopard shows a lot of independ_____. For example, you will usually see it hunting alone. Leopards are very independ_____ compared to other big cats.
- 3 When the rainforest hike was over, Jerome was abs_____ from the group. His abs_____ worried the guides. However, they found him taking pictures of a sloth.

4. Select the correct sentences with *since* or *because*:

- A. The government managed the taiga because people were cutting down too many trees.
 - B. The government managed the taiga since people were cutting down too many trees.
 - C. Because the government managed the taiga, people were cutting down too many trees.
 - D. Since the government managed the taiga, people were cutting down too many trees.
 - E. People were cutting down too many trees because the government managed the taiga.
 - F. People were cutting down too many trees since the government managed the taiga.
 - G. Because people were cutting down too many trees, the government managed the taiga.
 - H. Since people were cutting down too many trees, the government managed the taiga.
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 - B. People need biomes because they keep our planet healthy.
 - C. Biomes keep our planet healthy since people need biomes.
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5. Use the prompts to change each sentence from present perfect to simple past:

- 1 The seahorses haven't come to this area yet. (last year)

The seahorses didn't come to this area last year.

- 2 The speedboat has already left the area. (five minutes ago)

- 3 The members of the city council haven't received the petition. (this morning)

- 4 Have they snorkeled around the marine park yet? (yesterday)
