

The archer fish and the velvet worm have developed amazing ways of catching their food. Can you guess how they do it? Watch and see.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can check the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... a marksman | a. an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food |
| 2..... prey | b. a person who is skilled at shooting a gun at a target |
| 3..... a lasso | c. correct or exact |
| 4..... to compensate | d. the study of objects that are shot or thrown through the air (such as a bullet from a gun) |
| 5..... an adhesive | e. to lessen the bad effect of something or make up for a weakness |
| 6..... accurate | f. unusual, special or different |
| 7..... unique | g. a rope with a loop that is used for catching animals |
| 8..... ballistics | h. a substance used for sticking things together |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- How does the archer fish catch its prey?
It fires a gun at it. / It glues it in place. / It shoots water at it.
- How does the archer fish force the water out of its mouth?
It closes its gills. / It makes a gun barrel. / It uses a water pistol.
- What does the archer fish need to compensate for?
the distance / the way light bends / its target
- What does the archer fish shoot at?
prey / worms / anything that moves or glows
- How does the velvet worm catch its prey?
with a pistol / with adhesive / with a net
- How does the velvet worm eat its prey?
It sucks it dry. / It glues it down. / It cuts it with a knife.

2. Check your understanding: circling

Circle *archer fish* or *velvet worm* for these sentences.

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| 1. | It makes a water pistol. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 2. | It presses its tongue against a groove in its mouth. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 3. | It has two pistols. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 4. | It adjusts for the way light bends. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 5. | It fires lassos of glue. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 6. | It can shoot up to a metre. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 7. | It is accurate up to two metres. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |
| 8. | It glues down its prey. | <i>archer fish</i> | <i>velvet worm</i> |

3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – verbs

Complete the gaps with a verb from the box.

fire	target	closes	changes	pierces	dries
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- The archer fish _____ its gills to force out the water.
- The fish _____ its firing angle to compensate for the optical illusion.
- Archers _____ anything that moves or glows.
- Velvet worms _____ lassos of glue.
- The adhesive _____ in seconds.
- The velvet worm's knife-like jaw _____ its victim.

4. Check your vocabulary: grouping – weapons and people who use them

Write the words into the correct group.

gun	pistol	marksman	net	gunslinger	knife	archer
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Weapons	People who use weapons

Discussion

What animals do you think are amazing?