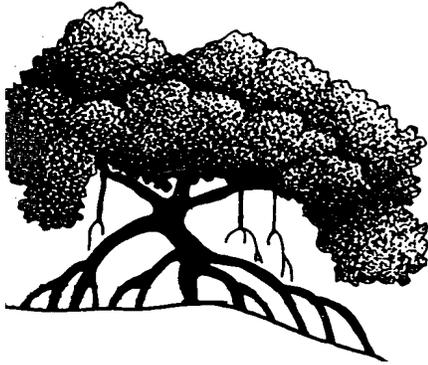




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The Indian River Lagoon is a special and unique place. More than 4,300 species of plants and animals live in the lagoon. Answer each question below. The letters found in the bubbles will spell out what the Indian River Lagoon is.

NAME: _____

Indian River Lagoon Word Puzzle

- This slow moving mammal, eats aquatic plants and is sometimes hit by boats, _____ ○.
- Pelicans nest in mangrove trees and dive into the water to eat _____ ○.
- Red mangroves are called “walking trees” because their prop _____ ○.
- _____ ○ crabs live in the seagrass and are good to eat, but will give you a pinch if you try to pick them up.
- Mangrove leaves make a rich food, called detritus when they fall into the _____ ○ _____ and decay.
- _____ ○ mangroves provide shelter for small animals their tangled roots.
- Sting _____ ○ swim through the seagrass beds and eat buried crabs and shellfish.

The Indian River Lagoon is an Important



Estuary Word Search

Many creatures rely on the estuary to survive. The estuary is a great habitat. It supplies **food, water, shelter,** and **space.**

Find the organisms below:

- blue crabs
- pelican
- shrimp
- clams
- seagrass
- manatee
- mangrove
- worms
- fish
- oyster
- seahorse
- people



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B	H	V	Y	E	B	G	E	T	F	O
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