The Indian River Lagoon is an Important 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.

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

**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:

1. blue crabs
2. pelican
3. shrimp
4. clams
5. seagrass
6. manatee
7. mangrove
8. worms
9. fish
10. oyster
11. seahorse
12. people

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