

Words to Know

"The Poisonous Duck" has some great words that might be new to you. Understanding what each word means will help you get a greater sense of what Patrick Jennings's story is about.

Directions: Thaddeus loves to use big words; it's part of his genius personality. He can't outsmart you, though! Match his choice vocabulary words below to their correct meanings. Then choose five of your own favorites to write sentences in the lines provided.

scavengers	the area of the bottom on the body
translucent	polluted
exoskeleton	creating sounds with the voice
contaminated	artificial; imitation
venom	animals that live by finding and eating food scraps or eating the flesh of dead animals
simulated	clear; partially transparent
gluteal regions	a hard outer shell that provides protection
vocalization	poison

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Sentence 2: _____

Sentence 3: _____

Sentence 4: _____

Sentence 5: _____