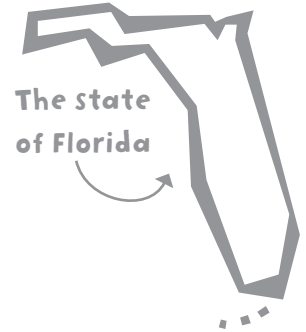


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## Invasive Vocabulary



**Directions:** This issue's nonfiction article includes several words you could use when talking or writing about invasive species. Complete each section below to help you get to know these words.

**A.** Brainstorm some words that come to mind when you think about invasive species. Write them here:

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**B.** We've highlighted five invasive-species-related words in "The Snake That's Eating Florida." Here they are with their meanings. Place a ✓ next to the words that are new to you. As you're reading, look at these meanings.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **wetlands:** wet, swampy areas
- \_\_\_\_\_ **species:** a kind of animal or plant
- \_\_\_\_\_ **climate:** usual weather in a place
- \_\_\_\_\_ **environment:** a natural place
- \_\_\_\_\_ **invasive:** taking over and doing harm

**C.** Here are three sentences from the article. Fill in the missing word in each with one of the vocabulary words at the left. Use the definitions to help you.

1. "The warm, moist \_\_\_\_\_ there is perfect for pythons." OR "The warm, moist \_\_\_\_\_ there is just right for pythons."
2. "Burmese pythons are an \_\_\_\_\_ species."
3. "This is a wild and beautiful place in Florida, made up of \_\_\_\_\_." OR "This large, wild place is in Florida. It's made up of \_\_\_\_\_."

### Extra Practice!

Imagine you hear that an invasive species is starting to take over a park in your neighborhood. Write three sentences about what might happen, using at least one vocabulary word in each sentence.