

English II Vocabulary List 2 Practice

Name: _____

The Angler Fish

Some of you may only know what an angler fish is because you watched *Finding Nemo*, a story that has both serious and _____ moments as Marlin, a clown fish, attempts to rescue his son Nemo. Marlin suffered a great _____, the time when his wife and their eggs were destroyed, all except one egg (soon to be Nemo). It was a _____ scene and one that really leaves an impression on little kids watching it. While he tries to _____ Nemo and keep him safe, the result is that he is overprotective of his son. Nemo is _____ by his father coddling of him, so he gets too daring and eventually gets caught in the net of a scuba diver. Marlin is aided by Dory, a fish full of _____ and life, who, despite the constant _____ she spews throughout the movie, is really a good influence on Marlin's development. He stops _____ his wife and starts enjoying life.

However, it is not the movie we are talking about, it is the scary scene in the middle where Dory and Marlin are almost eaten by the ugly angler fish, a fish that has a built in light to lure fish toward it. This _____ gets the unsuspecting fish too close and then SNAP! The angler fish eats it for dinner (or breakfast – depending on the time of day).

During each mating season, the relatively puny male anglerfish feverishly scurry to find a mate. This is no mere _____ for the tiny male. This is a full-fledged commitment. They appeal to the much larger female anglerfish with a fair degree of passion. If the female doesn't approve of his advances, she puts the _____ on it right then and there. However, if she approves of the male's advances, then he's going to get lucky. Unfortunately for the male, the anglerfish's definition of lucky differs from ours. You see, during mating, the female anglerfish absorbs the male anglerfish into her body. Essentially, the male anglerfish becomes an extension of the female. When the female is ready to spawn, she has a mate immediately available.

abashed
balderdash
calvary
dalliance
ebullience
fabulist
gallant
hallow
illicit
irrevocable
jocular
juxtaposition
kibosh
lamenting
macabre
nurture
ostracizes
putrid
quotidian
ruse



My friends, this is the truth. I am a lot of things, but I am no _____.