

States Declare War on Asian Carp

Use the News: Reading Comprehension

Circle T next to each true statement. Circle F next to each false statement.
Circle NI next to each statement for which there is no information in the news story.



- T F NI 1. A carp can grow to be 100 pounds.
- T F NI 2. Algae is an important part of a carp's diet.
- T F NI 3. Catfish farmers traveled to China to learn about how carp might help them.
- T F NI 4. Many carp have already made their way into the Great Lakes.
- T F NI 5. State leaders are afraid carp could harm tourism in the areas around the Great Lakes.
- T F NI 6. The canal that connects the Illinois River and the Great Lakes is man-made.
- T F NI 7. Carp first came to the United States around the year 2000.
- T F NI 8. Carp have sharp teeth.
- T F NI 9. Some people want to stop the spread of carp by shutting down the canal.
- T F NI 10. Rat-like animals called nutria have been found in 16 U.S. states.

Language Practice: Building Vocabulary

Read each sentence carefully. Color the circle next to the word that means the same as the underlined word.

1. Leaders in Michigan and Wisconsin hope to defeat the finned foe.
- a. doe b. fish c. enemy d. friend
2. Carp feed on microscopic plants that live on the bottom of lakes and ponds.
- a. wild b. underwater c. green d. tiny
3. Catfish farmers use carp to control algae in their ponds.
- a. limit b. steer c. sell d. train
4. When floods came, carp were able to escape from their ponds.
- a. enter b. flip c. flee d. eat
5. Shutting down the canal could make it more difficult to ship goods from place to place.
- a. travel b. transport c. mail d. buy

Reading Comprehension: Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that *best* sums up the main idea of this week's News for You article.

- a. Some plant species have invaded ponds and lakes around the United States.
- b. The nutria is a rat-like animal.
- c. Carp were first brought into the United States about 30 years ago.
- d. Some state leaders hope to keep carp under control.