

“Endangered Rescue: Chambered Nautilus” Glossary

Use these definitions when a word is unfamiliar. No puzzle answers are included.

Word	Meaning
Anatomy	The parts of a living thing’s body and how they fit together.
Cephalopod	A type of ocean animal that has arms or tentacles around its mouth, such as an octopus, squid, cuttlefish, or nautilus.
Cipher	A set of rules for writing and reading a message in secret code.
Configure	To adjust something’s settings so it works the way you need it to.
Impromptu	Done without being planned or prepared beforehand.
Lineage	A line of ancestors and their descendants stretching through time.
Mature	To reach adulthood; here, to become able to reproduce.
Moderate	To guide a discussion and help speakers take turns.
Molt	To shed hair, feathers, skin, or an outer layer periodically, or the outer covering shed during molting.
Overfishing	Catching animals from the water faster than their populations can replace them.
Panelist	A member of a group invited to discuss a topic and answer audience questions.
Physiology	How a living thing’s body and its parts work.
Population	Members of the same species living in a particular area.
Registration	The process of signing up or checking in for an event.
Rhinophore	A body part that helps a nautilus sense chemicals in the water, much like smelling, so it can find food.
Science journalist	Someone who investigates science topics and explains them through stories, articles, or other media.
Spatial memory	Remembering where things are and how to move through a place.
Symposium	A gathering where people share ideas and research about a particular topic.
Transmitter	A device that sends a signal to another device. A microphone transmitter sends sound information.