Long Island Sound and the Poquonnock River are estuaries—and act as nurseries for many animals. There are several reasons an estuary would be a good place for an animal to reproduce and for its offspring to grow.

1. Describe the conditions of the salt pond. Include 3 observations about the water and 3 about the land around it.

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2. Kyle and Marissa caught ___________ in the seine net. How do the conditions you observed benefit this animal’s survival? Include at least one land characteristic and one water characteristic.

3. The juvenile stages of larger fish, like striped bass rely on _______ to eat, so the estuary is a good source of food. How are the _______ adapted to avoid predation or being eaten by a predator? Describe a characteristic or behavior that allows them to survive.