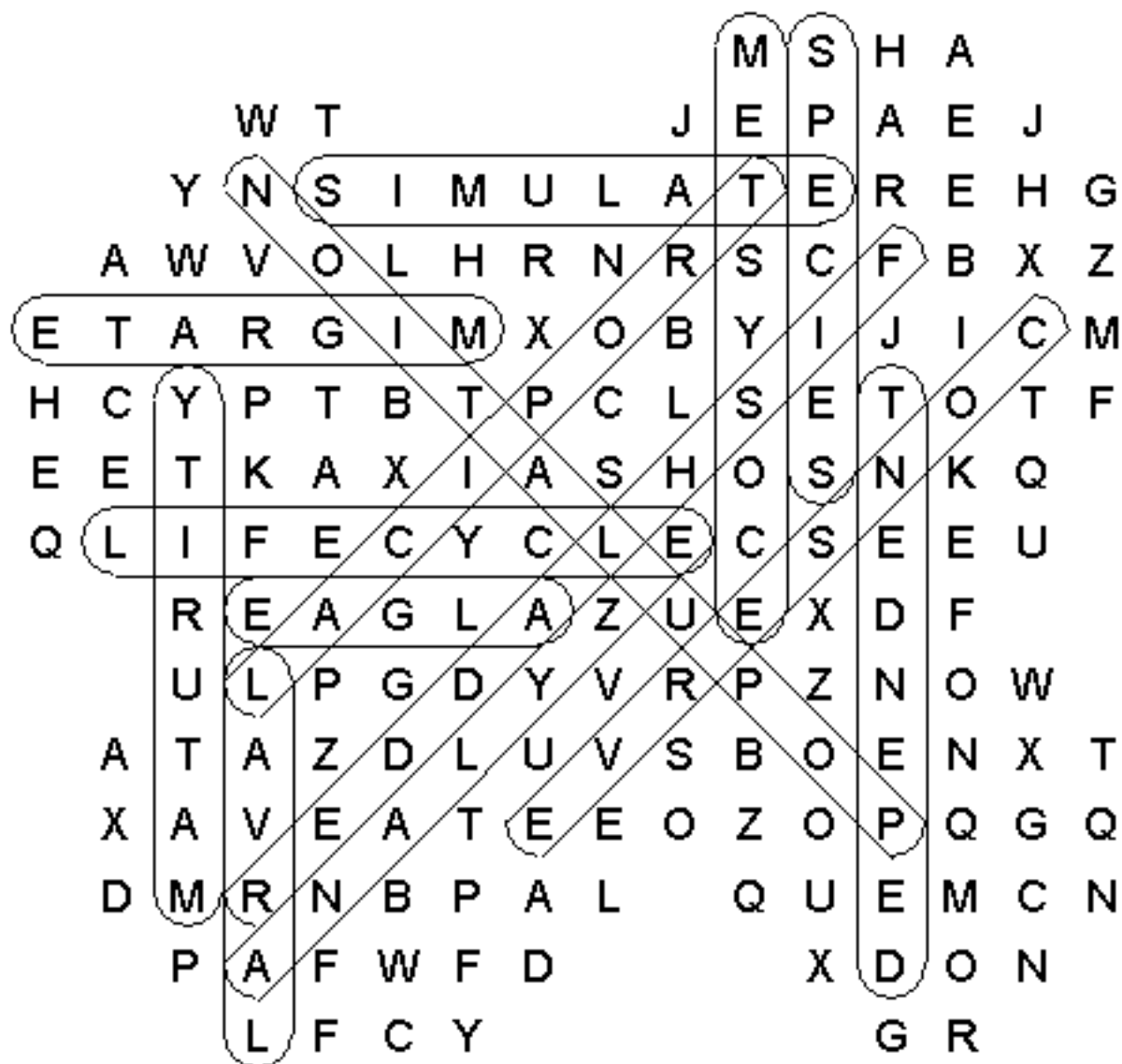


Swimming Upstream Without a Ladder



- (algae) Simple plants that have no true root, stem, or leaf and that usually grow in water or on damp surfaces.
- (analyze) To study or examine carefully.
- (conserve) To avoid wasteful or destructive use of something.
- (dependent) Relying on.
- (ecosystem) Community of plant and animal species interacting with one another and with the nonliving environment.
- (fish ladder) A series of small dams built in streams or rivers. these function like steps to enable animals to swim upstream.
- (larval) Relating to the wormlike feeding form that hatches from the egg of many insects or animals that changes form when it becomes an adult.
- (life cycle) Stages in the development of an organism.
- (maturity) The state of being fully grown or developed.
- (migrate) To move from one place to another.
- (population) The whole number of individuals of the same type occupying an area.
- (simulate) To create the appearance or effect of something for purposes of evaluation.
- (species) Groups of organisms that resemble one another in appearance, behavior, chemical processes, and genetic structure.
- (tropical) Of, in, or like the tropics. The tropics is the region of the earth near the equator.