POLE MOUNTAIN LEARNING / FREE PRACTICE

Upstream Vocabulary: Fly Fishing Adventures

Free vocabulary practice for grades 6–8. Students use passage clues, learn from feedback and choose what to practice next. No online account is needed.

Start with student ownership

Students sign in with the initials or code you give them (not their names): they type it the first time and tap it after that. They choose one of eight fly fishers and select a grade. Each trip is a new river: Shell Creek, then Miracle Mile, Encampment River and North Tongue River. **Fish again** appears after all five pools are cleared and the bonus answer has been shown and closed.

My Fishing Journal lets students choose words to revisit, including words they answered correctly. Confidence, sentence reflections and the final check-in are optional self-reports, never points. **Calm mode** reduces animation; **Read to me** uses available browser voices.

Feedback that leads to another try

Student response	What happens next
Correct answer	Clears the pool. The final requires both meaning and supporting evidence.
First miss	A clue or rereading prompt, then Try again on the SAME question.
Corrects with support	Clears it as a supported correction. The first answer stays in the history.
Misses again	An explanation, then another passage: the same word when available; the final uses a new two-part word.

Ask: **Which detail helped? Was I sure or guessing? Which word should I practice next?** First answers, supported corrections and later practice remain separate. Meaning (Part A) and evidence (Part B) have separate summaries.

Teacher reports are optional and open directly

Open **My Fishing Journal > Teacher reports**. There is no password or setup code. This view-only report can show another student and grade without changing who is playing. Use **Print / Save PDF** or **Save results file (CSV)** when needed.

Anyone using the same browser can see saved results, including reflections. Treat these as **practice notes, not grades**. On their own My Fishing Journal page, students can use **Change my name** or **Erase my results on this device**. Erasing asks for confirmation and cannot be undone; other students are not affected. Progress stays in that browser on that device; it does not sync.

No devices? Use the paper trips. The *Student Trips* PDF for each grade has one printable trip per level (four rivers: Shell Creek, Miracle Mile, Encampment River, North Tongue River), with the same approved passages and questions. The *Teacher Guide and Key* PDF has the answers, why each answer fits, what each wrong letter usually means, and a class record sheet.

Purpose and feedback

The rotating bank has **108 targets and 216 original passages**, with 36 targets per grade. New sessions favor unseen words. Practice focuses on context, multiple meanings, word parts, figurative language, connotation, word choice and evidence.

Original practice informed by published ELA expectations and public assessment resources. It is not an official Pearson, NAVVY or WY-TOPP assessment or a confirmed test-word list. Results do not predict test scores or establish competency. Built and reviewed with AI tools; no human classroom trial of this revision yet. Passages have no assigned Lexile measures. Feedback: hello@polemountainlearning.com. Please omit student names and information.