

"Whose Venus flytrap is that?" asked LaShawonna.

"I don't know," Vanessa replied. "Who's going to take care of it?"

Underline the boldfaced word that means "who is." Circle the boldfaced word that shows ownership.

Who's and **whose** sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. *Who's* is a contraction of the words *who is* or *who has*. *Whose* shows ownership or possession.

See Handbook Section 30

Part 1

Circle the correct word in parentheses. (1–10)

I met a girl named Carmen (who's/whose) interested in carnivorous plants. These are plants (who's/whose) diet includes insects. The plants consume insects because they don't get enough nitrogen from the soil in which they grow.

(Who's/Whose) seen a plant catch a fly? Anyone (who's/whose) kept a Venus flytrap has probably seen this happen. The Venus flytrap is a plant (who's/whose) leaves close like a trap. An insect unlucky enough to land on the sensitive hairs of the Venus flytrap triggers the trap. The leaves snap shut, and the plant digests the insect. Then the trap opens again.

Pitcher plants are another kind of carnivorous plant. They produce a sweet juice (who's/whose) smell attracts insects. Insects crawl into a tube-shaped part of the plant and drown in rainwater that has collected in its watertight "pitcher." The insects can't escape because they can't climb over the hairs that point downwards inside the tube.

Carmen's father, (who's/whose) an expert on these plants, told me there are some insects that are able to live inside pitcher plants, (who's/whose) special design destroys so many other creatures. The Exyra is one of these. It is a moth (who's/whose) claws are the right size and shape to grab onto the hairs inside the pitcher plant. Certain mosquito larvae also live inside the pitcher plant. They swim in the water at the bottom of the tube, (who's/whose) design forms a perfect aquatic nursery. The mosquito larvae feed on tiny organisms in the water.