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STATION #6

List of Functions

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7. Neutralizes toxic substances
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Directions: Create wetland metaphors linking the list of functions to a variety of common household objects. Check KEY for accuracy.

Purpose: To develop an appreciation and understanding of the natural roles of wetlands.



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KEY

1. Absorbs excess water caused by runoff; retains moisture for a time even if standing water dries up
- SPONGE
2. Is a resting place for migratory birds
- PILLOW
3. Mixes nutrients and oxygen into the water - WHISK
4. Provides a nursery that shelters, protects and feeds young wildlife
- INFANT TOY
5. Strains silt and debris from the water
- STRAINER
6. Filters smaller impurities from water
- COFFEE FILTER
7. Neutralizes toxic substances
- ANTIACID
8. Provides nutrient-rich foods - SOUP
9. Helps cleanse the environment
- SOAP