

## Synthesis and Transformation

*An activity of "Saving the Mekong"*

Often, there are many ways to express an idea in words. The sentences below are adapted from "Saving the Mekong" (Pages 6-7, *What's Up* March 2024). In each case, rewrite them into one sentence by using the helping words given.

1. The Irrawaddy dolphin is one of the world's rarest freshwater dolphins. It is regarded as a national treasure in Cambodia.

\_\_\_\_\_, *which* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. These dams disrupt the Mekong's natural flow. They also block the path of migrating fish.

*Besides* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The floods bring nutrient-rich sediment to the Mekong's banks, making the land there ideal for farming.

\_\_\_\_\_ *because*

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The tracking device allowed the researchers to track the movements of the stingray.

*The researchers could* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. "We caught a very special fish," fisherman Thou Theory said.

*Fisherman Thou Theory said that* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Water in the lake rose. Fish became abundant again.

*As a result of* \_\_\_\_\_

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