# Praxis Core Reading 5719

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**1. The primary purpose of the passage is to**

> *The sea slithers with fearsome predators, such as the starfish. Once a mussel is embraced by a starfish, for example, it is lost. Starfish use hydraulics instead of muscles, and in a tug-of-war they never tire. The starfish can drag open any shell and, as soon as the shell gapes, the starfish throws out its stomach like a white shroud and swallows the victim whole.*

**(A)** describe the physical characteristics of starfish
**(B)** suggest that the starfish is the most fearsome predator in the sea
**(C)** specify a weakness in the defenses of the starfish
**(D)** describe how a starfish conquers its prey
**(E)** discuss a stage in the life of the starfish