This issue’s play includes several terms you can use when talking about the small animals that attend Martina’s fiesta. Complete each section below to help you get to know these terms.

A. We’ve chosen eight terms from Martina the Little Cockroach. Here they are with their meanings. Place a \( \checkmark \) next to the terms that are new to you. As you’re reading, look at these meanings.

- ____ admires: has a high opinion of
- ____ dazzling: very bright or colorful
- ____ good riddance: saying you’re glad that someone or something troublesome is gone
- ____ insult: to say something rude or hurtful to someone
- ____ modest: having a humble or not very high opinion of yourself
- ____ slithers: moves by sliding, often in a back-and-forth movement
- ____ suitors: people who wish to marry a particular person
- ____ swooped: flew down suddenly from above

B. Here are five sentences. Fill in the blank in each with one of the vocabulary terms above. Use the definitions to help you.

1. The ____________ lights at the concert were so bright they nearly blinded me.

2. Please do not ____________ the chef by saying rude things about her food.
3. The bird ____________ down from its perch to eat the birdseed.

4. At the end of the play, Sam claps to show how much he ____________ the actors.

5. The snake ____________ through the grass.

C. Review the definitions for the terms *suitors*, *modest*, and *good riddance*. Write your own sentence for each term on the lines below.

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