

Read the story from page 11 of *First News*. Can you match the keywords below the story to their meanings? When you have identified each word, can you put them back into their correct place in the story, so it makes sense?



SCIENCE NEWS



YOU’VE heard of packs of wolves and pods of killer whales. Now you can add parties of eels to the list of animals that hunt in gangs.

Scientists working on the banks of the Iri River in the Brazilian Amazon River basin discovered a small lake filled with more than 100 large adult electric eels. Many of them were at least 120 _____ long.

This was a curious finding, as electric eels were thought to prefer being alone. But what the team spotted next was even more _____: the eels were working together in a large circle to herd thousands of small fish called tetras into tightly-packed balls.

Once they had done that, groups of up to ten eels split off to form hunting parties.

These smaller groups then surrounded the ball of tetras and launched _____ electric _____. The electric shocks they fired sent the tetras flying out of the water. When they splashed back down, the tiny fish were _____ and unable to move. At that point, the

hunting party easily picked off their prey.

The eel hunting parties were found to only _____ at dusk and dawn. Each hunting mission lasted around an hour and involved between five and seven high-_____ attacks.

For most of the day and night, the eels were found to be lying almost entirely still, only occasionally rising to the surface to breathe.

Lead researcher C David de Santana of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History said it was “an extraordinary discovery” that had never been _____ before. The research was published in the journal *Ecology and Evolution*.



voltage	Dazed; so shocked (they couldn't move) (verb 7)
centimetres	Carry out (their hunting mission) (verb 7)
operate	Shocking (adjective 9)
simultaneous	Aggressive strikes (plural noun 7)
stunned	Electric potential expressed in volts (noun 7)
documented	Done at the same time (adjective 12)
startling	Recorded; seen and written down (verb 10)
attacks	Ten millimetres make one of these; these metric units of length are equal to one-hundredth of a metre (plural noun 11)