today's issue: I find it weird that some female animals tends to eat the males after mating...

1.

- a. counterproductive [`kaʊntəprə`dʌktɪv] (adj.) 產生不良後果的
- -Yelling at Eric is counterproductive, as it only made him more angry.
- 對著 Eric 大叫會導致反效果,只會讓他更生氣。
- b. counter [`kaʊntə] (v.) 反對;反擊
- -The army plans to counter the attack by the enemy.
- 軍隊針對敵人的攻勢發動反擊。
- c. counterargument [`kaʊntə̞grgjʊmənt] (n.) 用來反駁的論點
- -our team won the debate, thanks our strong counterargument.

我們的團隊贏了辯論賽,感謝我們強而有力的反駁論點。

-多虧我們強而有力的論點,讓我們隊伍贏得辯論賽。

2.

- a. species [`spiʃiz] (n.) 種類
- \*一群相似的牛物
- -there are over four thousands species of frogs.

青蛙的種類超過 4000 種

- b. breed [brid] (n.) 品種
- \*通常指飼養的動物或植物。
- -my favorite dog breed is Chihuahua and French Bulldog.

- 我最喜愛的狗品種是吉娃娃和法鬥。

3.

- a. Cannibalism [`kænəb!ɪzəm] (n.) 自相殘殺
- b. cannibal (n.) 同類相食的動物;食人者
- -Praying mantis are cannibal.
- -螳螂是一種會自相殘殺的昆蟲。

4.

- a. cull (v.) 撲殺
- -Dairy farmers are often cull cows that cannot produce milk.
- 酪農常會撲殺無法正常生產的母牛。
- b. eliminate [ɪ`lɪmənet] (v.) 消滅
- -The government is working to eliminate this disease.
- 政府下致力於消滅這種病毒。

5.

- a. bolster [`bolsta] (v.) 支撐; 增強
- -Bolster the economy 拚經濟
- -The teacher's praise bolster the student's confidence.
- -老師的鼓勵增強了學生們的信心。
- b. boost [bust] (v.) 提高;增加
- -the new machine boosted production.
- c. reinforce (v.) 增援

-the speech reinforce my beliefs.

這場演講增強了我的信仰。

While it may seem counterproductive for members of the same species to eat each other, cannibalism can promote the survival of the species as a whole by reducing competition, culling the weak, and bolstering the strong.