Creek Word Clues

Use dictionary meanings and story clues together.

2.LF.18 "Use dictionary definitions and information found within the text to help determine meaning of unfamiliar or multi-meaning words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a story clue for each bold word. Circle the dictionary meaning that fits how the word is used in the story.

A Walk by the Creek

1. Mia and Dad walked beside a creek. Mia sat on the **bank** and watched the water. Their small dictionary said bank can mean land beside water or a place that keeps money. Her shoes stayed dry.

2. A dog ran past an old tree. The dog gave a loud **bark**. Mia looked at the dictionary again. It said bark can mean the sound a dog makes or the outer coat of a tree.

3. Near a bridge, fallen sticks made a **jam** in the creek. Water could not flow past them easily. Mia found two meanings for jam in the dictionary: fruit spread and a pile of things stuck together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which meaning of bank fits the story? What words helped you choose?

2. Which meaning of bark fits the story? What words helped you choose?

3. Which meaning of jam fits the story? What words helped you choose?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a meaning of bank, bark, or jam that the story did not use. Write two sentences: use the word with a clue to its meaning, then name the meaning and your clue.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline a story clue for each bold word. Circle the dictionary meaning that fits how the word is used in the story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which meaning of bank fits the story? What words helped you choose?	**Bank means land beside water. Mia sat beside the creek and watched the water.**
2	Which meaning of bark fits the story? What words helped you choose?	**Bark means the sound a dog makes. The dog gave a loud bark.**
3	Which meaning of jam fits the story? What words helped you choose?	**Jam means a pile of things stuck together. Fallen sticks kept the water from flowing easily.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mom put jam on my toast. Jam means fruit spread, and “on my toast” is the clue.

Accept any listed dictionary meaning that fits the word's use in the story, with a matching text clue. For Your Turn, accept any unused meaning paired with a sentence that gives a clear clue.