A Shell That Fits

Connect what you know to a new animal fact

2.LF.30.b "Use background knowledge to make connections to new text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle Nia's problem. Underline two facts about the crab that her problem helps you understand.

A New Home for a Crab

1. Last spring, Nia's shoes pinched her toes. Her feet had grown, so she needed a bigger pair. At the beach, she learned that a small animal also needs a new place to fit as it grows.

2. A hermit crab has a soft back end. It hides that part inside an empty snail shell. The shell helps protect the crab. As the crab grows, its old shell can become too small, just like Nia's shoes.

3. The crab does not make its own shell. It searches for an empty shell that fits, then slips inside. Nia left empty shells on the sand. She knew a crab might need one later.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does Nia's shoe problem help you understand why a crab needs a new shell?

2. A helmet protects your head. How does that help you understand what the shell does for the crab?

3. Saving something leaves it ready for someone else. How does that idea help explain why Nia left the shells on the sand?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of another animal you know that uses something it finds. Write two sentences. Tell what the animal uses, then explain how that helps you understand the crab's search for a shell.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle Nia's problem. Underline two facts about the crab that her problem helps you understand. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does Nia's shoe problem help you understand why a crab needs a new shell?	**Nia needed bigger shoes as she grew. A growing crab may need a bigger shell because its old one becomes too small.**
2	A helmet protects your head. How does that help you understand what the shell does for the crab?	**The shell protects the crab's soft back end.**
3	Saving something leaves it ready for someone else. How does that idea help explain why Nia left the shells on the sand?	**She left the shells so a crab that needed one could use it later.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A bird uses twigs it finds to build a nest. That helps me understand why a hermit crab searches for an empty shell instead of making one.

Accept connections that use a correct detail from the passage. For Your Turn, accept any accurate example of an animal using something it finds if the student explains its connection to the crab.