Skywatch Word Guide

Use a pronunciation guide to read new words aloud.

4.LF.12 "Consult reference materials to find the pronunciation of unknown words and phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the four bold words in Mara's guide, and underline each matching guide spelling so you can find it when you need to check a pronunciation.

Words Under the Stars

1. On a cool Friday night, Mara visited a skywatching party at the park. She carried a notebook, but some words on the signs were new to her. A small pronunciation guide was tucked inside the notebook. Instead of guessing how a word sounded, she could check that guide first. Then she could say the word aloud as she talked with other visitors.

2. The guide used short spellings to show how words sound. Hyphens separated the spoken parts, and capital letters showed which part got the strongest beat. Mara practiced with a word that was not on the signs: banana had the guide spelling buh-NAN-uh. She said each part in order and then joined them smoothly. That simple trick made a long word easier to read aloud.

3. At the back of the notebook, Mara found four guide entries. They read: **telescope**, TEL-uh-skohp; **meteor**, MEE-tee-or; **crater**, KRAY-ter; and **galaxy**, GAL-uk-see. Mara could look at one entry at a time, say its parts, and then read a whole sentence aloud. She checked the capital letters to make sure she put the strongest beat in the right place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find telescope in the guide. Write its guide spelling and name the part with the strongest beat.

2. Use the guide to say meteor. How many spoken parts does it have, and which part gets the strongest beat?

3. Copy the guide spelling for crater. Which part should you say most strongly?

4. A visitor is unsure how to say galaxy. Write the guide spelling the visitor should use.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a word that is not in Mara's guide, and look it up in a print or online dictionary. Write the word and its pronunciation guide, then write one sentence telling which part gets the strongest beat.

ANSWER KEY

Skywatch Word Guide

GRADE 4 · 4.LF.12

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the four bold words in Mara's guide, and underline each matching guide spelling so you can find it when you need to check a pronunciation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find telescope in the guide. Write its guide spelling and name the part with the strongest beat.	**TEL-uh-skohp; TEL gets the strongest beat.**
2	Use the guide to say meteor. How many spoken parts does it have, and which part gets the strongest beat?	**Three parts; MEE gets the strongest beat.**
3	Copy the guide spelling for crater. Which part should you say most strongly?	**KRAY-ter; KRAY should be said most strongly.**
4	A visitor is unsure how to say galaxy. Write the guide spelling the visitor should use.	**GAL-uk-see.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

penguin: PEN-gwin. PEN gets the strongest beat because the dictionary marks it as the stressed part.

Accept a different dictionary's pronunciation symbols or spelling if it accurately shows how the word is said. For Part 3, check that the student used a word outside Mara's guide and identified its stressed part from a dictionary.