# Words After Dark

Use word parts, context, and a dictionary entry to read closely.

**8.VL.28** "Analyze word meanings through the use of word parts, context clues, connotation and denotation, and print or digital reference tools."

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## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Circle misdirected, intrusive, feasible, and shield in the passage. Underline clues to their meanings, and underline the prefix in misdirected.

### Lights Along the Beach

1 On a warm night, Leena joined a beach patrol that watched for newly hatched sea turtles. Hatchlings usually crawl toward the brighter, open horizon over the water. But a row of beachfront lamps threw a glare across the sand. Some hatchlings were misdirected toward a parking lot instead of the surf. Leena called the lights intrusive, not merely bright: they seemed to push into a space the turtles needed. The patrol kept its distance while trained volunteers followed local rules for protecting the animals.

2 The next morning, Leena read a notice about shielded outdoor lights. The notice explained that a shield can keep light from shining in unwanted directions. In a digital dictionary, she found two meanings for shield: a protective cover, and the action of protecting someone or something. Leena checked the notice again: it described a metal cover above each lamp, with light directed downward. Shielded fixtures can reduce light visible from the beach. Neighbors could help by closing curtains after dark and turning off lights they did not need.

3 At a town meeting, a shop owner worried that changing every fixture would cost too much. Leena suggested a feasible first step: test shielded lamps on one block before deciding whether to replace more. She explained that the goal was not to make the streets completely dark. It was to put useful light where people walked without sending as much toward the nesting beach. The owner agreed to try the test, and the patrol planned to watch for hatchlings during the next nesting season.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the prefix mis- tell you about misdirected? Use the hatchlings' route to explain.

2. Use the shop owner's worry and Leena's suggestion to explain what feasible means.

3. What feeling does intrusive add that bright does not? Which words in the passage support your answer?

4. The dictionary gives two meanings for shield. Which meaning helps explain shielded lamps here, and what detail supports your choice?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a different change a beachfront business could make to reduce light near the beach. Write exactly three sentences: name the change using a word with a prefix or suffix and give a clue to that word's meaning, use a word with a clear positive or negative feeling, then explain that feeling in the third sentence.

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1 | What does the prefix mis- tell you about misdirected? Use the hatchlings' route to explain. | **Mis- means wrongly. The hatchlings went the wrong way, toward the parking lot instead of the surf.** |
| 2 | Use the shop owner's worry and Leena's suggestion to explain what feasible means. | **Feasible means practical or possible to do. Testing one block is a manageable first step when changing every fixture may cost too much.** |
| 3 | What feeling does intrusive add that bright does not? Which words in the passage support your answer? | **Intrusive suggests that the lights are unwelcome or harmful. The passage says they seemed to push into a space the turtles needed.** |
| 4 | The dictionary gives two meanings for shield. Which meaning helps explain shielded lamps here, and what detail supports your choice? | **The meaning is a protective cover. The notice describes a metal cover above each lamp.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A beach café could reposition its patio lamps, moving them farther from the shore. This thoughtful change would keep light away from the sand. Thoughtful feels positive because it suggests the café cares about nesting turtles.

Accept supported synonyms for the word meanings. For Part 3, check for exactly three sentences, a new change, an understandable word-part clue, and an explained connotation.