Ant Trail Clues

Find word meanings by reading nearby clues.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4a "Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words crumb, scurried, and disappeared. Circle the words near each underlined word that give a clue to its meaning.

Mina Watches Ants

1. Mina watched a line of ants march across the sidewalk. Each ant carried a crumb, a small piece of cookie, or a tiny leaf. The ants moved in a steady trail, following one another toward a crack near the garden.

2. Near the crack, one ant scurried, moving quickly in circles. It seemed confused because a puddle covered the trail. Soon, another ant touched feelers with it. Then both ants turned and found a dry way around the water.

3. Mina saw the ants reach the garden. They disappeared beneath a flat stone, going out of sight. She guessed the crack was their home. The ants had worked together to bring food back to their nest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does crumb mean in the first paragraph? What words tell you?

2. What does scurried mean? What words tell you?

3. What does disappeared mean in the last paragraph? What words tell you?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one sentence using the word exhausted. Add words that show exhausted means very tired.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words crumb, scurried, and disappeared. Circle the words near each underlined word that give a clue to its meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does crumb mean in the first paragraph? What words tell you?	**A crumb is a small piece of cookie. The clue is "a small piece of cookie."**
2	What does scurried mean? What words tell you?	**Scurried means moved quickly. The clue is "moving quickly in circles."**
3	What does disappeared mean in the last paragraph? What words tell you?	**Disappeared means went out of sight. The clue is "going out of sight."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After swimming all afternoon, Leo was exhausted, so tired that he fell asleep on the car ride home.

Accept correct meanings that match the context, along with the nearby clue words from the passage. For Part 3, accept any sentence that uses exhausted correctly and includes a clear clue that it means very tired.