Word Parts, Big Clues

Use known words to figure out compound words.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4d "Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each compound word in the passage. Underline the two smaller words inside it to help you predict what the compound word means.

A Rainy Library Trip

1. On Tuesday, Maya packed a raincoat in her backpack before school. Gray clouds floated above the playground. At recess, drops began to tap the windows, so Maya and her class watched the wet yard from inside.

2. After lunch, the rain stopped. Ms. Lee led the class along the sidewalk to the library. Maya carried a notebook and a bookmark. She wanted to read about rainstorms while she waited for the puddles to shrink.

3. At the library, Maya chose a book about clouds. Her friend Ben picked a book about frogs. They sat at a round table and used their bookmarks. Then the bell rang, and the classmates walked back to school together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Rain means water that falls from clouds. A coat is clothing. What do you think a raincoat is?

2. Side means beside something. Walk means to move on your feet. What do you think a sidewalk is?

3. Book means something you read. Mark means a sign that shows a place. Why would a bookmark be useful to Maya?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one compound word that is not in the passage. Draw a line between its two smaller words, then write what you think the compound word means.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · L.2.4d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each compound word in the passage. Underline the two smaller words inside it to help you predict what the compound word means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Rain means water that falls from clouds. A coat is clothing. What do you think a raincoat is?	**A coat worn to keep rain off a person.**
2	Side means beside something. Walk means to move on your feet. What do you think a sidewalk is?	**A path beside a road where people walk.**
3	Book means something you read. Mark means a sign that shows a place. Why would a bookmark be useful to Maya?	**It shows her place in a book so she can find that page again.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

snowman = snow + man. A snowman is a figure made of snow that is shaped like a person.

Accept reasonable meanings that use both smaller words. For the open task, accept any correctly formed, familiar compound word not used in the passage and a meaning that fits its parts.