

Word Tool Detectives

Use book tools to clarify word meanings.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4e "Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words habitat and shelter. Write 1 by the sentence that uses a glossary and 2 by the sentence that uses a digital dictionary.

Life in a Tide Pool

- ① At low tide, shallow pools remain among rocks by the sea. These tide pools hold small animals, such as sea stars, crabs, and snails. A tide pool guide can help you learn about the animals you see.
- ② In the guide, the word habitat has a special meaning. The glossary at the back says, "habitat: the place where a plant or animal lives." A crab's habitat may be a tide pool between rocks.
- ③ A beginning digital dictionary can explain a word that is not in the guide. It defines shelter as a place that gives protection. A small fish may hide under a rock for shelter when a larger fish swims near.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Use the glossary information. What does habitat mean?

2 Which tool explains the word shelter? What does shelter mean?

3 You need to learn the meaning of protection, but the word is not in the guide. Which source should you use? Why?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Find one word in a nonfiction book. Use the book's glossary or a beginning dictionary to learn its meaning. Write the word, name the tool you used, and write its meaning.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words habitat and shelter. Write 1 by the sentence that uses a glossary and 2 by the sentence that uses a digital dictionary. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use the glossary information. What does habitat mean?	the place where a plant or animal lives
2	Which tool explains the word shelter? What does shelter mean?	A beginning digital dictionary. Shelter means a place that gives protection.
3	You need to learn the meaning of protection, but the word is not in the guide. Which source should you use? Why?	Use a beginning digital dictionary because it can explain a word that is not in the guide.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Word: enormous. Tool: beginning digital dictionary. Meaning: very large.

Accept accurate meanings from a glossary or beginning print or digital dictionary. For the open task, accept any appropriate word, named source, and correct meaning.