Food Word Detectives

Connect describing words to foods you know.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.5a "Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word that tells how a food feels, sounds, or has liquid. Circle the food that matches each underlined word.

Maya's Food Words

1. On Saturday, Maya helped set up a fruit stand at the park. She bit into a peach. Sweet juice ran down her hand, so she called the peach juicy. A juicy food has lots of liquid inside.

2. Next, Maya opened a bag of carrots for a rabbit. When she chewed one, it made a loud snap. Maya said the carrot was crunchy. Crunchy foods make a crisp sound when you bite them.

3. Maya also packed a soft banana. It did not snap or splash. She pressed it with her spoon, and it squished easily. Maya called the banana soft. Soft foods are easy to press, like cooked noodles.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which food is crunchy? What happens when someone bites it?

2. Which word describes a food with lots of liquid inside? Name the food in the passage with that word.

3. Which food is soft? Name another soft food from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a food that is not in the passage. Write one sentence that uses a describing word for the food and tells what you notice about it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · L.2.5a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word that tells how a food feels, sounds, or has liquid. Circle the food that matches each underlined word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which food is crunchy? What happens when someone bites it?	**The carrot is crunchy. It makes a crisp sound, or loud snap, when someone bites it.**
2	Which word describes a food with lots of liquid inside? Name the food in the passage with that word.	**Juicy describes a food with lots of liquid inside. The peach is juicy.**
3	Which food is soft? Name another soft food from the passage.	**The banana is soft. Cooked noodles are another soft food.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A watermelon slice is juicy because liquid drips down my chin when I bite it.

Accept answers that correctly connect a describing word to a real food and include an observation that explains the word. For the open task, accept reasonable sensory words such as crunchy, juicy, soft, sticky, spicy, or smooth.