Tide Pool Voices

Use punctuation and phrase groups to read smoothly.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.2.4 "Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Draw a slash between word groups you can read smoothly, and circle commas and periods that tell you when to pause or stop. These marks will help you read clearly and understand what happens.

Life in a Tide Pool

1. At low tide, the ocean pulls back from the shore. Small pools of seawater stay among the rocks. These tide pools are tiny homes for animals that can live in wet, salty places.

2. When you look closely, you may see a sea star clinging to a rock. A sea star uses many small tube feet to hold on. It must stay wet, so it hides under rocks or seaweed.

3. Crabs also scuttle through the pools. They may tuck into cracks when a bird flies overhead. As the tide returns, waves cover the rocks again. The animals have food, water, and safe places to rest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In the first sentence, which punctuation mark tells you to take a short pause after the word "tide"?

2. In paragraph 2, which two-word phrase should you read together to name the animal?

3. What happens to the rocks as the tide returns?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal you might see near water. Use a comma in one sentence, then draw a slash between words you would read together smoothly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Draw a slash between word groups you can read smoothly, and circle commas and periods that tell you when to pause or stop. These marks will help you read clearly and understand what happens. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In the first sentence, which punctuation mark tells you to take a short pause after the word “tide”?	**The comma.**
2	In paragraph 2, which two-word phrase should you read together to name the animal?	**sea star**
3	What happens to the rocks as the tide returns?	**Waves cover the rocks again.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A heron stands by the pond, / waiting for a fish. It walks slowly / through the water.

Accept sensible slash marks that divide the sentences into natural phrase groups. In the open response, accept any accurate animal near water and two complete sentences with a comma in one sentence.