Bee Word Builders

Use prefixes to unlock longer words.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.3.3 "Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each of the three words that uses the prefix re-, then underline the base word in each one. The prefix re- can mean again or back, which can help you read the word.

Busy Bees at Work

1. On a warm morning, worker bees leave their hive to search for nectar and pollen. Nectar is a sweet liquid found in many flowers. A bee drinks nectar with its long tongue and stores it in a special stomach. Pollen sticks to the bee's fuzzy body as it visits blossoms. The bee may return to the hive after finding a rich patch of flowers.

2. Inside the hive, worker bees pass nectar to other workers. The bees move the nectar from mouth to mouth, then place it in wax cells. They fan their wings to help water leave the nectar. When it becomes thicker, it is honey. A worker may refill a cell when more nectar is ready, helping the colony store food for colder days.

3. Wind or rain can damage a hive's wax comb. Worker bees inspect the broken area and add fresh wax. Together, they can rebuild the small walls that hold honey and young bees. The hexagon shape of each cell helps the comb use wax well. By caring for the hive, the workers keep food safe and give young bees a place to grow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the three words in the passage that use the prefix re-.

2. What is the base word in refill? What does refill mean?

3. In return, does re- mean again or back? Use the passage to explain.

4. What does rebuild mean when worker bees fix the small wax walls?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences that tell facts from the passage about bees and their hive. Use one circled word correctly in one sentence. On a third line, make a different word with re-, and label the prefix and base word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each of the three words that uses the prefix re-, then underline the base word in each one. The prefix re- can mean again or back, which can help you read the word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the three words in the passage that use the prefix re-.	**return, refill, rebuild**
2	What is the base word in refill? What does refill mean?	**fill; to fill again**
3	In return, does re- mean again or back? Use the passage to explain.	**back; the bee goes back to the hive**
4	What does rebuild mean when worker bees fix the small wax walls?	**to build the walls again**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Worker bees move nectar into wax cells. After wind damages comb, workers rebuild its small walls. New word: reheat = re- + heat

Accept return, refill, and rebuild as the marked words, with turn, fill, and build underlined as base words. For Part 3, accept two accurate details from the passage, correct use of one passage word with re-, and any real different re- word correctly split into prefix and base word.