

Roots That Protect

Read with a purpose to find important ideas.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.3.4a "Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read to learn how mangroves live and help coastal places. Underline one sentence in each paragraph that you think is most important for this purpose.

Mangrove Forests

- ① Along warm coasts, mangrove trees grow where land meets salty water. Their tangled roots rise above the mud like a web of wooden legs. The roots slow waves and hold soil in place. Mangroves give young fish, crabs, and birds places to hide. These unusual forests help both animals and nearby people, especially during storms.
- ② Twice each day, ocean tides cover many mangrove roots. Most trees would struggle in this salty water, but mangroves have special ways to live there. Some roots block much of the salt before it enters the tree. Some leaves push salt out. When old salty leaves fall, they carry extra salt away from the tree.
- ③ People once cleared many mangrove forests to make room for buildings, farms, and ponds for raising shrimp. Without roots to soften waves, storms can wash away more shore soil. Today, communities in many places protect mangroves and plant new trees. Protecting a mangrove forest can keep animal homes safe and help coastal land stay strong.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the main idea of the passage?

2 Which paragraph would you reread to learn how mangroves handle salt? Give one detail from that paragraph.

3 How do mangrove roots help during storms?

4 Write a one-sentence summary of the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Pretend you are planning a poster about protecting mangroves. In two sentences, explain which information from the passage you would use and why it fits your poster.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read to learn how mangroves live and help coastal places. Underline one sentence in each paragraph that you think is most important for this purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main idea of the passage?	Mangroves live in salty coastal places and help protect animals and coastal land.
2	Which paragraph would you reread to learn how mangroves handle salt? Give one detail from that paragraph.	Paragraph 2. Some roots block salt before it enters the tree, or some leaves push salt out.
3	How do mangrove roots help during storms?	They slow or soften waves and hold soil in place, so less shore soil can wash away.
4	Write a one-sentence summary of the passage.	Mangroves grow in salty coastal water, support animals, protect shore soil, and need protection from clearing.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

For my poster, I would use the fact that mangrove roots slow waves and hold soil in place. I would also include that people can protect mangroves and plant new trees because these actions help coastal land stay strong.

Accept underlined sentences that show important ideas about mangroves living in salty water, helping animals, protecting shore soil, or needing protection. For the open task, accept two sentences that select accurate passage information and explain why it belongs on a protection poster.