

Clues in Tide Pools

Use nearby words and rereading to check meaning.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.3.4c "Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle three words you want to check, underline nearby words that help explain each one, and reread each full sentence to confirm your thinking.

Life Between the Tides

- ① At low tide, the ocean pulls back from the shore and leaves small pools among the rocks. These tide pools are like tiny homes filled with sea life. A child who looks closely may spot a sea star clinging to a wet stone. The sea star stays moist until the water returns. Its tube feet hold it in place.
- ② A hermit crab may crawl from one crevice to another. A crevice is a narrow crack in a rock, so it gives the crab a shady hiding place. The crab carries a borrowed shell on its back. When a wave splashes nearby, it quickly tucks its soft body inside the shell for safety from danger.
- ③ As the tide rises, the pools disappear under deeper, colder water. The animals do not vanish, they are simply covered by the sea. A visitor should step carefully and avoid touching the creatures. Soon, the shore will retreat beneath the waves, meaning the dry, visible shore will move back and become underwater for a while.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Reread the sentence about the sea star. What does moist mean? Which words help you know?

2 What does crevice mean in paragraph 2? Use words from the paragraph to explain how you know.

3 Reread, "The animals do not vanish." What does vanish mean here? What nearby words confirm your answer?

4 What does retreat mean in the last paragraph? Reread the rest of the sentence for clues.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about an animal. Use one word a reader may need to check, put parentheses around it, and include context clues that explain the word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle three words you want to check, underline nearby words that help explain each one, and reread each full sentence to confirm your thinking. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Reread the sentence about the sea star. What does moist mean? Which words help you know?	Moist means wet or damp. Clues include “wet stone” and “until the water returns.”
2	What does crevice mean in paragraph 2? Use words from the paragraph to explain how you know.	A crevice is a narrow crack in a rock. The paragraph directly says it is a “narrow crack” and a hiding place.
3	Reread, “The animals do not vanish.” What does vanish mean here? What nearby words confirm your answer?	Vanish means disappear. The words “they are simply covered by the sea” confirm it.
4	What does retreat mean in the last paragraph? Reread the rest of the sentence for clues.	Retreat means move back. The sentence says the dry, visible shore will “move back” and become underwater.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The leaf insect is (camouflaged), because its flat green body looks like a leaf. This disguise helps it hide from hungry birds.

Accept equivalent meanings when students support them with nearby words from the passage. For the marking job, accept any three circled words with sensible underlined context clues and evidence of rereading.