

Ant Word Trails

Read multisyllable words in an informational text.

ELA.2.F.1 "Applying Foundational Reading Skills"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word with two or more syllables. Draw short slash marks between its syllables to help you read each word accurately.

Busy Ants

- ① After rain, a line of ants may travel across a sidewalk. Each ant follows a scent trail left by another ant. The tiny workers carry crumbs carefully, using their strong legs and jaws.
- ② An ant has six legs and two antennae. Its antennae help it touch and smell. When an ant finds food, it can leave a chemical scent. Other ants use that scent to locate the meal.
- ③ Ant colonies have many jobs. Some ants care for young ants, called larvae. Others protect the nest or search for food. A queen ant lays eggs, and new ants grow inside the colony.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 In paragraph 1, find the word that means "with care." Write it with slashes between its syllables.

- 2 Find antennae in paragraph 2. How many syllables are in antennae?

- 3 Write colony from paragraph 3 with slashes between its syllables. How many syllables does it have?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write one sentence about an animal. Use a word with three syllables, and draw slashes between the syllables in that word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every word with two or more syllables. Draw short slash marks between its syllables to help you read each word accurately. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, find the word that means “with care.” Write it with slashes between its syllables.	care/ful/ly
2	Find antennae in paragraph 2. How many syllables are in antennae?	3 syllables
3	Write colony from paragraph 3 with slashes between its syllables. How many syllables does it have?	col/o/ny; 3 syllables

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A but/ter/fly lands on a leaf.

Accept syllable breaks shown with slashes, hyphens, or spaces. For the open task, accept any accurate animal sentence that includes a correctly divided three-syllable word.