Buzzing Word Detectives

Use nearby words to unlock meanings.

ELA.2.V.1 "Finding Meaning"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each use of the words nectar, crowded, and perform. Underline the nearby words that help you figure out what each word means.

Inside a Beehive

1. On a warm day, honey bees visit flowers near their hive. A bee uses its long tongue to sip nectar, a sweet liquid inside some flowers. Then it flies home with tiny drops of nectar in a special pouch.

2. Inside the hive, workers are busy bees that do jobs. Some workers fan their wings to cool the hive. Other workers guard the entrance. The hive can be crowded, or full of many bees in one small place.

3. A worker may perform a waggle dance to show other bees where food is. Perform means do or carry out. During this dance, the bee moves in a wiggling path, then turns and repeats the path.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does nectar mean in paragraph 1? Write the words that helped you.

2. What does crowded mean in paragraph 2?

3. In paragraph 3, what word does the phrase “do or carry out” explain?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one sentence about an animal using a word that may be new to your reader. Add clue words in the same sentence to show what the word means.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.V.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each use of the words nectar, crowded, and perform. Underline the nearby words that help you figure out what each word means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does nectar mean in paragraph 1? Write the words that helped you.	**Nectar is a sweet liquid inside some flowers.**
2	What does crowded mean in paragraph 2?	**Crowded means full of many bees in one small place.**
3	In paragraph 3, what word does the phrase “do or carry out” explain?	**perform**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

An octopus can camouflage, or change its color to blend in with its home.

Accept equivalent meanings that match the context clues in the passage. For Your Turn, accept an accurate animal sentence with an unfamiliar word and clear clue words that explain it.