Clues by the Shore

Use nearby words to figure out word meanings.

ELA.3.V.1 "Finding Meaning"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words shelters, inspect, scattered, and protecting. Underline the nearby words that explain each word's meaning.

A Tide Pool Visit

1 At low tide, Maya visited a rocky shore with her uncle. Small pools of seawater were left between the rocks. Her uncle told her to move gently because the pools were shelters, or safe places, for tiny animals. Maya spotted a crab tucked under brown seaweed. It stayed still until a wave splashed nearby. The water rippled.

2 Maya wanted to inspect the crab without touching it. To inspect means to look closely and carefully. She noticed its legs were striped, and one claw was larger than the other. A gull landed on a rock above the pool. The crab quickly slipped into a narrow crack, where the bird could not reach it.

3 Before leaving, Maya and her uncle gathered scattered bits of plastic from the shore. Scattered means spread out in many places. They placed the trash in a bag so it would not wash into the pools. Maya understood that protecting a habitat means keeping the animals' home safe and clean for the creatures that live there.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does shelters mean in paragraph 1? Which nearby words tell you?

2. What does inspect mean in paragraph 2?

3. What does scattered mean in paragraph 3? What words help you know?

4. What does protecting a habitat mean in the passage?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about a beach animal. Use the word cautious in the first sentence, and give clues in the second sentence that show cautious means careful to avoid danger.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words shelters, inspect, scattered, and protecting. Underline the nearby words that explain each word's meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does shelters mean in paragraph 1? Which nearby words tell you?	**Shelters means safe places. The clue is "or safe places."**
2	What does inspect mean in paragraph 2?	**Inspect means to look closely and carefully.**
3	What does scattered mean in paragraph 3? What words help you know?	**Scattered means spread out in many places. The clue is "spread out in many places."**
4	What does protecting a habitat mean in the passage?	**It means keeping the animals' home safe and clean.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The cautious sandpiper stepped away when a dog ran near the shore. It moved slowly and watched for danger before looking for food.

Accept accurate paraphrases of each meaning when the student identifies a matching context clue from the passage. For Part 3, accept two sentences that use cautious correctly and include details showing careful behavior around danger.