Words That Spark

Notice how descriptive words help readers picture a scene.

2.T.SS.2.b "Use descriptive words to craft engaging texts. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the descriptive words in the passage. These words help you picture Mina's backyard at night.

Fireflies in the Yard

1. Mina carried her small, silver flashlight into the backyard. The sky was dark blue, and cool grass brushed her bare feet. Near the fence, a tiny light blinked. Then another light flickered beside it.

2. Mina knelt beside the bright fireflies. Their little lights floated over the garden like stars. She held still and watched the glowing insects rise above the red flowers. The quiet yard felt secret and magical.

3. A soft breeze moved the leafy branches. Mina smiled as three fireflies landed on a round stone. For one shining moment, the backyard looked like a small, sparkling world made just for her.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two descriptive words tell about Mina's flashlight?

2. Which three words tell how the yard felt?

3. How do the words "small, sparkling world" make the backyard sound?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a place outdoors at night. Use at least three descriptive words to help the reader picture the place.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.SS.2.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the descriptive words in the passage. These words help you picture Mina's backyard at night. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two descriptive words tell about Mina's flashlight?	**small and silver**
2	Which three words tell how the yard felt?	**quiet, secret, and magical**
3	How do the words "small, sparkling world" make the backyard sound?	**They make the backyard sound small and full of sparkle.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The chilly moonlit park was quiet under the tall trees. A bright owl perched on a rough branch.

For Part 3, accept two related sentences about an outdoor place at night that include at least three clear descriptive words.