Lookout Reading Map

Practice accurate reading with word and punctuation clues.

3.F.F.1.b "Read a variety of unfamiliar grade-level texts with increasing accuracy."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage once. Underline words with three or more syllables, circle each comma, and number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 after you read each one accurately. These marks help you slow down at long words and pause where meaning changes.

Maya at Pine Ridge

1. At sunrise, Maya climbed the wooden steps of the Pine Ridge fire lookout. From the small cabin, she could see miles of forest, rocky slopes, and a silver lake. Her job was to watch for smoke during the dry summer. A radio, binoculars, map, and water bottle rested on a shelf beside the window inside the cabin.

2. At 10:15, Maya noticed a thin gray line above the western trees. She lifted her binoculars and checked the location on her map. The line came from a campfire near a trail, not a wildfire. Maya spoke clearly into the radio, giving the trail name and the direction of the smoke. A ranger soon contacted the campers by radio.

3. Later, clouds covered the sun, and a cool wind moved through the pines. Maya wrote each observation in a logbook, including the time, weather, and place. Careful notes help firefighters decide where to look first if a fire begins. When Maya's shift ended, another lookout arrived and read the logbook before watching the quiet forest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the two-word compound word in paragraph 1 that names Maya's workplace.

2. Break the word binoculars into syllable parts to help you read it accurately.

3. Write the three-syllable word in paragraph 2 that tells where Maya checked on her map.

4. In the first sentence of paragraph 3, what punctuation mark tells you to pause after the word Later?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one sentence from paragraph 2 or 3 that has a comma or a word with three or more syllables. Copy it, add slash marks between the parts you would read smoothly, circle one word you would practice, and write one sentence explaining how your marks help you read accurately.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.F.F.1.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage once. Underline words with three or more syllables, circle each comma, and number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 after you read each one accurately. These marks help you slow down at long words and pause where meaning changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the two-word compound word in paragraph 1 that names Maya's workplace.	**fire lookout**
2	Break the word binoculars into syllable parts to help you read it accurately.	**bin-oc-u-lars**
3	Write the three-syllable word in paragraph 2 that tells where Maya checked on her map.	**location**
4	In the first sentence of paragraph 3, what punctuation mark tells you to pause after the word Later?	**comma**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

She lifted her (binoculars) / and checked the location / on her map. I would practice binoculars because reading it in parts helps me say every sound.

Accept correct word identifications and reasonable syllable divisions that support the pronunciation of binoculars. For the open task, accept any eligible sentence from paragraphs 2 or 3 with sensible phrase marks, one marked practice word, and an explanation connected to accurate reading.