Clue Catchers

Use nearby words to unlock tricky meanings.

3.F.F.1.d "Self-correct while reading grade-level text (silently or aloud) to aid comprehension and fluency, rereading as necessary."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, circle one word in each paragraph that you need to reread. Underline the words nearby that help you understand that word.

Busy Beavers

1. Beavers are large rodents that live near ponds, streams, and rivers. Their wide, flat tails help them swim and balance on land. A beaver may carry branches to the bank, the land beside the water. It uses strong front teeth to cut small trees. The branches can become part of a dam, a wall that slows moving water.

2. After a dam slows a stream, water can spread into a pond. This deeper water may protect the beaver's home from some animals. The home is called a lodge. A lodge has an underwater entrance, so a beaver can swim inside. In winter, the pond may freeze on top, but the water below the ice stays liquid.

3. Beavers do not build every dam in the same way. They choose places where the current, or flowing water, can be slowed. Mud and stones may fill spaces between branches. When a dam holds back water, the pond behind it can grow larger. People sometimes see a beaver at dusk, when it is busy carrying food or building materials.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. A reader thinks bank means a place that holds money. Reread the sentence with bank in paragraph 1. What does bank mean in the passage?

2. A reader thinks a lodge is a hotel. Reread the two sentences about a lodge in paragraph 2. What is a lodge in this passage?

3. A reader thinks current means something happening now. Reread the sentence with current in paragraph 3. What does current mean there?

4. A reader says, "The whole pond turns to ice in winter." Reread the last sentence of paragraph 2. What should the reader correct?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an outdoor place. In the first sentence, use and underline a word that has more than one meaning. In the second sentence, add a clue that helps a reader reread and understand your word.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.F.F.1.d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

As you read, circle one word in each paragraph that you need to reread. Underline the words nearby that help you understand that word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A reader thinks bank means a place that holds money. Reread the sentence with bank in paragraph 1. What does bank mean in the passage?	**The land beside the water.**
2	A reader thinks a lodge is a hotel. Reread the two sentences about a lodge in paragraph 2. What is a lodge in this passage?	**A beaver's home with an underwater entrance.**
3	A reader thinks current means something happening now. Reread the sentence with current in paragraph 3. What does current mean there?	**Flowing water.**
4	A reader says, "The whole pond turns to ice in winter." Reread the last sentence of paragraph 2. What should the reader correct?	**Only the top may freeze, and the water below the ice stays liquid.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The __bat__ swooped over the field at sunset. Its wings made no sound as it chased insects.

Accept answers that use passage clues to correct the meanings of bank, lodge, and current. For the open task, accept any two original sentences with an underlined multiple-meaning word and a clear clue in the second sentence.