

Word Tool Detectives

Choose the right reference tool for each word.

3.L.V.3.d "Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to check spelling and to determine or clarify the precise meaning of words and phrases. (I)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word or phrase Maya checks. Write G above it if she uses a glossary or D above it if she uses a dictionary, so you can see which tool helps with each need.

Maya's Garden Guide

- ① During garden club, Maya read a printed guide about sunflowers. The guide said that a bud is a young flower that has not opened. Maya did not know bud at first. She turned to the glossary at the back of the guide. A glossary lists special words from one book or topic. Next to bud, she found the meaning and read the sentence again.
- ② Later, Maya wrote a label for the plant's first small leaves. She wanted to write sprouts, but she was unsure about the letters. On a classroom tablet, a beginning dictionary showed the word spelled s-p-r-o-u-t-s. It also explained that sprouts are new plants just starting to grow. Maya checked that the dictionary entry matched what she saw in the garden. Then she finished her label.
- ③ Maya also read that sunflowers turn toward light as they grow. The guide used the phrase turn toward light. Maya wondered whether the plants walk or roll across the soil. She checked the glossary, which said the phrase means a growing plant slowly bends in the direction of light. That precise meaning helped her picture a sunflower in the garden. She knew the plants stay rooted.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Maya wanted to understand the special word bud in her garden guide. Which reference source did she use?

- 2 Maya was unsure how to spell sprouts. Which reference source did she use, and what kind was it?

- 3 What is the precise meaning of the phrase turn toward light in the passage?

- 4 Kai is reading an earth science booklet and wants to clarify the special word erosion. Based on the passage, which source best matches his need? Explain why.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a word you want to use in a science or social studies sentence. Use a print or digital glossary or beginning dictionary to check its spelling and precise meaning, then write the word, the source you used, its meaning, and a sentence that uses it correctly.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each word or phrase Maya checks. Write G above it if she uses a glossary or D above it if she uses a dictionary, so you can see which tool helps with each need. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maya wanted to understand the special word bud in her garden guide. Which reference source did she use?	She used the glossary in the printed garden guide.
2	Maya was unsure how to spell sprouts. Which reference source did she use, and what kind was it?	She used a digital beginning dictionary on a classroom tablet.
3	What is the precise meaning of the phrase turn toward light in the passage?	A growing plant slowly bends in the direction of light.
4	Kai is reading an earth science booklet and wants to clarify the special word erosion. Based on the passage, which source best matches his need? Explain why.	He should use the booklet's glossary because a glossary lists special words from one book or topic.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Word: habitat. Source: a digital beginning dictionary. Meaning: the natural home of a plant or animal. Sentence: A pond is a frog's habitat.

Accept equivalent, accurate meanings from a suitable reference source. For the open task, accept any correctly spelled word, named glossary or dictionary source, precise meaning, and sentence that uses the word correctly.