Park Word Detectives

Use word parts and exact details to make meaning clear.

4.L.V.2 "Word Analysis: Acquire and apply word analysis skills to determine the meanings of words and to communicate with precision in a variety of settings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle four words whose prefixes or suffixes help you figure out their meanings. Underline the report that gives exact details, then use your marks to notice how word parts and careful choices make meaning clear.

A Guide for the City Park

1. At the city park, a new trail guide helps visitors explore without harming habitats. The guide shows a wetland path, where frogs rest among reeds, and a rocky route near a small stream. Symbols on the map identify places to refill water, watch birds, or use a restroom. Each symbol gives clear information quickly, even to a visitor who does not know the park.

2. Before walking, families can borrow a portable audio player at the nature center. Its small size lets a visitor carry it in a backpack from one stop to the next. A rechargeable battery powers it. After the battery loses energy, staff members connect it to electricity, and it works again. This prevents piles of single-use batteries from being thrown away.

3. Rangers ask visitors to report problems with exact details. Instead of saying, "There is trash by the trail," a visitor might say, "Three plastic bottles are beside the bridge on the wetland path." The second report helps a ranger locate the litter without searching the whole park. Careful word choices can make a message more useful when people need to act.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does rechargeable mean? Use the word part re- and clues from the passage.

2. How does the prefix re- change the meaning of fill in the word refill?

3. What does the suffix -able in portable suggest about the audio player?

4. Which details make the second trash report more useful than the first report?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences reporting a made-up problem at a park. Include an exact number, an exact location, and one word with re- or -able. In your second sentence, explain how the word part helps a reader understand that word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle four words whose prefixes or suffixes help you figure out their meanings. Underline the report that gives exact details, then use your marks to notice how word parts and careful choices make meaning clear. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does rechargeable mean? Use the word part re- and clues from the passage.	**It means able to be charged again.**
2	How does the prefix re- change the meaning of fill in the word refill?	**It means to fill again.**
3	What does the suffix -able in portable suggest about the audio player?	**It suggests that the player is able to be carried from place to place.**
4	Which details make the second trash report more useful than the first report?	**It tells the number of bottles, that they are plastic, and their exact location beside the bridge on the wetland path.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Two reusable cups are under the bench beside the bird-watching sign. Reusable means able to be used again, and the suffix -able helps show that meaning.

Accept reasonable circles for words with meaningful prefixes or suffixes, such as refill, quickly, visitor, portable, rechargeable, careful, or useful. For the report comparison and the open task, require specific details about quantity and location, plus a correct explanation of the selected word part.