Words With Work

Use parts of speech to make details exact.

7.L.V.2.d "Use knowledge of parts of speech to determine precise words and phrases when constructing texts. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline six precise action verbs, circle six adjectives, and box three adverbs that make an action more exact. Notice how each marked word helps you picture the turtle's journey.

A Turtle's Night Journey

1 At dawn, a green sea turtle lifted its broad head above the warm Atlantic water near Florida's coast. The turtle did not hurry. It paddled steadily through rolling waves, searching for a quiet stretch of sand. On shore, moonlight still silvered the beach, while small crabs scuttled sideways near the dune grass. The turtle's journey had begun far offshore, but its final task required a safe, dry place beyond the reach of high tides each year.

2 Using its rear flippers, the turtle scraped a shallow chamber in the sand. Then it released about one hundred round eggs into the nest and covered them with loose grains. This careful work protected the eggs from bright sunlight and hungry animals. Afterward, the exhausted turtle pressed the sand firmly with its body, turned slowly toward the water, and disappeared into the dark surf. Several weeks later, tiny hatchlings will push upward and race quickly toward the sea.

3 Scientists and volunteers watch turtle nests because changing beaches can affect hatchling survival. A powerful storm may wash away sand, and artificial lights can pull hatchlings inland instead of seaward. Teams place simple barriers around some nests and ask visitors to keep beaches dark at night. These actions cannot remove every danger, yet they give more hatchlings a chance to reach the ocean safely after leaving their nests and begin their long lives in the wild.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, which verb precisely tells how the turtle moved through the water? Why is it more exact than went?

2. In paragraph 2, which adjective describes the chamber, and which adjective describes the grains?

3. Name two adverbs in paragraph 2 and the action verb each one modifies.

4. In paragraph 3, what precise verb tells what artificial lights do to hatchlings? Write the verb and its complete object phrase.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences describing a rainstorm arriving at your school. Include at least two precise nouns, three precise action verbs, and three adjectives. Circle every adjective and underline every action verb.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.L.V.2.d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline six precise action verbs, circle six adjectives, and box three adverbs that make an action more exact. Notice how each marked word helps you picture the turtle's journey. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, which verb precisely tells how the turtle moved through the water? Why is it more exact than went?	**paddled. It shows that the turtle moved through water by using its flippers.**
2	In paragraph 2, which adjective describes the chamber, and which adjective describes the grains?	**shallow describes the chamber, and loose describes the grains.**
3	Name two adverbs in paragraph 2 and the action verb each one modifies.	**firmly modifies pressed, and slowly modifies turned.**
4	In paragraph 3, what precise verb tells what artificial lights do to hatchlings? Write the verb and its complete object phrase.	**pull hatchlings inland.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

◯Dark◯ clouds __gathered__ above the ◯empty◯ playground as ◯heavy◯ rain __drummed__ on the ◯metal◯ swings. Students __rushed__ through ◯wet◯ grass, and ◯small◯ puddles __spread__ across the sidewalk.

Accept accurately marked action verbs, adjectives, and adverbs that support a clear, precise image. For the open task, accept varied topics if the response has exactly two sentences, meets the word-class requirements, and circles every adjective.