Shell Clues

Use headings to find facts about hermit crabs.

2.RC.7 "Use various text features (e.g., table of contents, index, headings, captions) to locate key facts or information, and explain how they contribute to and clarify a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each heading. Underline one fact in each paragraph that shows why the heading fits.

A Hermit Crab's Shell

1. **Finding a Home** A hermit crab has a soft body that needs cover. It does not grow its own hard shell. Instead, it finds an empty sea snail shell and moves inside. The shell becomes its home.

2. **Moving Day** A hermit crab grows, but its borrowed shell does not. When the shell gets too small, the crab looks for a larger empty shell. It leaves its old shell and moves into the new one.

3. **Staying Safe** A shell does more than give a hermit crab a place to live. When danger comes, the crab can pull its soft body inside. Its hard shell helps keep its body safe from hungry animals.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which heading helps you find where a hermit crab gets its shell? Tell how the heading helps.

2. Which heading would help you find out what happens when a shell gets too small? Why?

3. How does the heading Staying Safe help you understand the facts below it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Add a new section about a hermit crab's shell. Write your own heading and two sentences that bring together facts from two different parts of the text. Then write one sentence explaining how your heading helps a reader find those facts.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RC.7

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each heading. Underline one fact in each paragraph that shows why the heading fits. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which heading helps you find where a hermit crab gets its shell? Tell how the heading helps.	**Finding a Home points to the paragraph about the crab finding an empty sea snail shell.**
2	Which heading would help you find out what happens when a shell gets too small? Why?	**Moving Day points to the paragraph about the crab leaving its old shell for a larger one.**
3	How does the heading Staying Safe help you understand the facts below it?	**It tells readers that pulling inside the shell helps protect the crab from danger.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A Shell That Helps
A hermit crab finds an empty shell to cover its soft body. When it grows, it moves to a bigger shell. My heading helps readers find facts about how a shell helps the crab.

Accept headings that fit the facts students choose. The new section should combine accurate facts from two different paragraphs, and the explanation should connect the heading to those facts.