Words in Bloom

Use a garden glossary to find precise word meanings.

L.3.4.d "Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the six bold words in Lena's story. Then underline each word's meaning in the Garden Glossary.

Lena's Bean Plant

1. On Monday, Lena found a packet of bean seeds in the classroom cupboard. The seeds were **dormant** inside the dry packet. She filled a pot with soil and checked for holes in its bottom. Those holes let extra water **drain** away. Then Lena pressed two seeds into the soil. She added water until the soil felt **moist**, not soggy.

2. Each morning, Lena checked the pot by the window. After a week, one bean seed began to **sprout**, and a green shoot pushed through the soil. Its thin stem grew taller and became **sturdy** enough to stand straight. One hot afternoon, the leaves began to **wilt** and hang down. Lena touched the soil. It felt dry, so she watered the plant and watched the leaves lift again.

3. Garden Glossary. **dormant**: not growing yet, but able to grow later. **drain**: to let extra water flow out. **moist**: a little wet, not soaked. **sprout**: to begin to grow from a seed. **sturdy**: strong enough to stand or hold up well. **wilt**: to droop and lose firmness. Use these meanings to picture what is happening to Lena's plant at each step.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use the Garden Glossary. What does dormant tell you about the seeds in the packet?

2. Use the Garden Glossary. How wet was the soil when it was moist?

3. Use the Garden Glossary. What began to happen when the bean seed started to sprout?

4. Use the Garden Glossary. What does sturdy tell you about the plant's stem?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose drain or wilt from the Garden Glossary. Write two sentences about a different plant. Use your chosen word in one sentence and explain its meaning in your own words in the other.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the six bold words in Lena's story. Then underline each word's meaning in the Garden Glossary. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use the Garden Glossary. What does dormant tell you about the seeds in the packet?	**The seeds were not growing yet, but they could grow later.**
2	Use the Garden Glossary. How wet was the soil when it was moist?	**The soil was a little wet, not soaked.**
3	Use the Garden Glossary. What began to happen when the bean seed started to sprout?	**The seed began to grow.**
4	Use the Garden Glossary. What does sturdy tell you about the plant's stem?	**The stem was strong enough to stand straight.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My sunflower's leaves began to wilt on a hot day. They drooped and lost their firm shape.

Accept answers that use the glossary meaning and fit the passage. For Your Turn, check that the student uses drain or wilt correctly and explains the chosen word in a second sentence.