Word Sense Detectives

Use the sentence to check a word as you read.

RF.2.4 "Read fluently (accuracy, speed and prosody) on grade-level to support comprehension. Read a variety of grade-level texts (including but not limited to decodables) with purpose and understanding..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

WORD FITS

The bold word makes sense in the sentence. Keep reading.

The **moon** glowed above the lake.

STOP AND FIX

The bold word does not make sense in the sentence. Reread and try a word that fits.

The **cloud** barked at the mail carrier.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle FITS or FIX for its bold word.

1. Kai zipped his **coat** before going outside. FITS FIX
2. The baby slept in a **crib**. FITS FIX
3. The cow ate green **glass** in the field. FITS FIX
4. The baker put bread in the **oven**. FITS FIX
5. A frog can **jump**. FITS FIX
6. I washed my hands with **song** and water. FITS FIX
7. The bird sang from a **three**. FITS FIX
8. The train rolled down the **track**. FITS FIX

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 2, pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew where each belongs. Part 3, write two new sentences, one with a word that fits and one with a word that needs fixing; underline the word you checked in each.

FITS _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one FIX sentence, write its number, and rewrite it with a word that makes sense.

ANSWER KEY # Word Sense Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Kai zipped his **coat** before going outside.	**FITS**	A coat can be zipped before going outside.
2	The baby slept in a **crib**.	**FITS**	A baby can sleep in a crib.
3	The cow ate green **glass** in the field.	**FIX**	Grass, not glass, fits what a cow eats in a field.
4	The baker put bread in the **oven**.	**FITS**	Bread can bake in an oven.
5	A frog can **jump**.	**FITS**	Frogs can jump.
6	I washed my hands with **song** and water.	**FIX**	Soap, not song, fits with water when washing hands.
7	The bird sang from a **three**.	**FIX**	Tree, not three, fits as a place where a bird can sing.
8	The train rolled down the **track**.	**FITS**	A train can roll down a track.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FITS**: The whale swam in the sea.
- **FIX**: The stove meowed at me.

Challenge: 3. The cow ate green grass in the field.

For Part 2, a student might say item 3 needs fixing because cows eat grass, not glass, and item 4 fits because bread bakes in an oven. Accept explanations that use clues from the sentence.