Word Clue Hunt

Students ask about unfamiliar words, use facts as clues, and circle meanings.

RI.1.4 "Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a grade-level text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 GROUND CLUES

a

dry	**wet**	**hot**

b

rests	**flies**	**digs**

2 ANIMAL CLUES

a

night	**water**	**day**

b

feed	**hide**	**warm**

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each fact and its choices aloud. Wait for each student to ask a spoken question about the target word, then reread the fact without defining the word. Observe the oral questions and record any prompting on your class roster, separate from the circled answers.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · GROUND CLUES

SAY "Listen to each fact and the three choices. Ask me what the new word means. I will read the fact again, and then you can circle the meaning that fits."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Rain fell all night. By morning, the path was soggy. A boot sank into the soft ground. Your choices are dry, wet, and hot. What question can you ask about soggy?	**wet**
b	A worm tunnels through the soil. Small bits of dirt shift above it as it moves. Your choices are rests, flies, and digs. What question can you ask about tunnels?	**digs**

PART 2 · ANIMAL CLUES

SAY "Listen to each animal fact and the three choices. Ask me about the new word first. After I read the fact again, circle the choice that fits."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	An owl is nocturnal. It looks for food after the sun goes down. It rests while the sun is up. Your choices are night, water, and day. What question can you ask about nocturnal?	**night**
b	A brown moth rests on brown tree bark. A bird flies past without seeing it. The moth's color helps camouflage it. Your choices are feed, hide, and warm. What question can you ask about camouflage?	**hide**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

In order, the answers are wet, digs, night, and hide. Accept a spoken question such as 'What does soggy mean?' for each target word; note when a student needs help forming the question.